

## Monday

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Who's who? In British stockbroking: a briefing on the secrets of the City as brokers prepare for the advent of competition.

**Encounter**  
Spectrum explores the world according to Jeane Kirkpatrick, President Reagan's controversial Ambassador to the UN, in conversation with George Urban. In the first of three articles, she talks about the clash of ideologies - "the potentially deadly competition" with the Soviet Union.



**Buy, buy ...**  
Gold-plated Modern Times hops into the Rolls and goes in search of today's status symbols.

**Birdie**  
John Hennessy reports on the final round of golf's World Matchplay Championship at Wentworth.

## Irish laws on marriage challenged

The European Commission of Human Rights ruled in Strasbourg last night that the Irish Republic should find a way of satisfying the complaint of a divorced couple barred under Irish law from remarriage. Failure to do so would mean the case going to the European Court of Human Rights.

## Hongkong standangers China

Britain's insistence in talks with China on retaining a British presence in Hongkong after 1997, when China wants to take it over, is thought to lie behind the latest series of attacks by Peking.

## Top broker

A confidential report giving a league table of Britain's leading stockbrokers shows that Hoare Govett retains its leading position but with a smaller share of the market.

## Stores boom

Pre-tax profits more than trebled to £5.2m in the first 28 weeks of the present year. Debenhams, the stores group reported.

## Trust choice

Overseas funds appear to be the favourites in *The Times/Money Programme Unit Trust Competition*. Family Money, page 14

## India accused

Indian officials accused Pakistan of training, equipping and financing extremist groups responsible for the growing violence in Punjab, where direct rule from Delhi has been imposed.

## Manila sit-down

More than 10,000 demonstrators held an anti-Marcos rally in Manila as the opposition announced plans for a massive sit-down and civil disobedience campaign intended to overthrow the Philippines Government.

## Boycott rally

The pro-Geoffrey Boycott Reform Group of Yorkshire County Cricket Club members is reconstituting tomorrow, amid fears that the hall hired for the purpose will be too small for the anticipated turn-out.

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Letters: On Mrs Thatcher, from Sir George Grugeon, and others; food prices, from Lord Heskestad, and Mr George Carey; America's Cup, from Mr S. Soames

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In unison (from left): Messrs Benn, Howell, Hattersley, Kinnock, Heffer and Foot yesterday (Photograph: John Manning).

# Labour storm over White Paper on council shake-up

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

At least a score of new local authorities and official commissions are to be established in the biggest reorganization of the local government map in England since 1972.

Under plans published in a White Paper yesterday in fulfilment of the Conservative manifesto promise to do away with metropolitan county authorities, the Greater London Council is to disappear entirely; its assets, from Hampstead Heath to the Thames barrier are to pass to other public bodies.

In the six metropolitan counties the county authorities will also be demolished and many of their functions are to be ceded to district councils. Fire, police and bus services in West and South Yorkshire, the West Midlands, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, and Tyne and Wear are each to be run by joint committees.

Councillors will be nominated from the districts to sit on them, with the major cities of Birmingham, Sheffield, Leeds, Manchester and Liverpool having a preponderant voice. The stage is set for intense rivalry in the North-east between Newcastle and Sunderland, which will have equal representation.

## Nitze warns Britain on disarmament

From Ian Murray, The Hague

Unilateral disarmament by Britain or any delay in deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe by the US would both play into the hands of the Soviet Union, Mr Paul Nitze said yesterday.

Speaking in the North Atlantic Assembly in The Hague, the chief American negotiator at the Geneva intermediate-range arms reduction talks gave a sombre assessment of the way the talks were going.

He rejected the Soviet claim that British and French nuclear weapons should be included in negotiations and said the US was prepared to listen to any case for delaying deployment of cruise and Pershing 2 missiles beyond the scheduled date in December.

"You do not solve any problems by delay," he told a West German member of the assembly. The Soviet position is "crystal-clear". The essence of their problem was that the Soviet Union did not propose to "bless" any Nato deployment of missiles.

The Russians thought that if they were to approve missile deployment by an agreement, this would undercut all those Western groups which have been supporting Moscow for so long on unilateral disarmament.

# Tory chief in TV clashon Parkinson

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent

Mr John Selwyn Gummer, the new chairman of the Conservative Party, clashed last night with a television interviewer over the Parkinson affair.

In a Channel Four News interview designed to set the scene for next week's Conservative conference at Blackpool, Mr Gummer was repeatedly pressed about the revelation by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the former party chairman, that he was the father of a baby expected by his former secretary, Miss Sara Keays.

At the seventh attempt to prise a view from Mr Gummer the interviewer, Mr David Walter, ITN's political correspondent, even asked whether the Conservatives' support for family life might not now look "a little hypocritical in the light of what has happened".

Mr Gummer replied pointedly: "I rather think you are making this interview about one subject. I have said I am not going to discuss it."

## Share deal embarrasses firm in takeover bid

By Jonathan Clare

Crystallite, the electronics company which is bidding for Royal Worcester, has disclosed that the wife of one of its directors had bought and sold shares in the fine china firm.

Crystallite said yesterday that Mrs R. A. Opperman, the wife of Mr Dick Opperman, a director, had bought 505 Royal Worcester shares on June 29 at 190p, and sold them on September 23 - 10 days after Crystallite's bid was announced - at 315p.

Crystallite will have to tell the Takeover Panel, the body which protects ordinary shareholders' interests, what happened and what knowledge Mrs Opperman had of the bid.

Mr John Leworthy, Crystallite's chairman, said he was embarrassed by the disclosure which had to appear in the official offer document for Royal Worcester published yesterday. The embarrassment was compounded because the deals had come to light only two days before and both Mr and Mrs Opperman were unavailable to explain the exact circumstances.

Mr Leworthy said: "They are both on holiday in Ibiza at the moment and I have not been able to contact them. All I can say is that the Oppermans apparently conduct their investments affairs separately. It is a matter of embarrassment, I admit, but it is only 505 shares."

## How to write letters with an Irish accent

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Irish people can be picked out by their handwriting, according to a test done for *The Times* by a forensic expert.

Mr Tom Davis, a lecturer in the English Department of Birmingham University, was using criteria developed by one of his students, Anne Lawson.

The main clues are how the Irish write the small letters "r", "p", "d", "h", "m", "n", "l", and particularly the "r", which in script can resemble the capital "R".

Miss Lawson's research, a pilot project, into identifying the differences between the handwriting of English people and that of people in the Irish Republic or Northern Ireland was described by Mr Davis as "encouraging".

To test the system, *The Times* had seven people, two of them from the Republic, the rest British, write out by hand identical extracts from a leading article in the newspaper.

Mr Davis and Miss Frances Brown, a research student, correctly found strong Irish characteristics in the samples handwritten by a man and his wife from Sligo, in the Irish Republic.

In one of the samples, the distinguishing clues were an "r" an "h" and two examples of the letter "r" written like a capital "R". The other Irish extract had six distinguishing characteristics: an "m", "h", "p" and two examples of the letter "r". One other sample with three letters, though not the "r", which could, according to Mr Davis, have been an indication of Irishness, in fact was not. Nor was the extract I wrote, which produced the most fascinating response from Mr Davis. He described the sample as "peculiar".

If the writer was young, he said, there was evidence of Irishness; if old, this was a style of handwriting in England years ago. I am 51.

One source of Irish-style handwriting could be a textbook, *Modern Script for Schools*, by T. E. Raw, first published in 1923, which was used in Northern Ireland, Mr Davis said. One page is written in "uncial" and "half-uncial" letters, large rounded forms used in early Latin and Greek manuscripts.

The writer of one of *The Times*' two Irish samples said: "Anyone educated in Ireland in the past 50 years or so learnt to write the Gaelic alphabet almost as soon as English". Thus the Gaelic style writing can be found in the writing of English. But Gaelic letters are now being replaced by the English alphabet in many schools' teaching Gaelic.

Mr Davis started doing forensic work after a conversation with a lawyer at a party in 1974. Some of his academic training was in whether poetry or other literature believed to have been written by a particular author was authentic. Among the work he identified was two letters from D. H. Lawrence.

His research now includes a study of the way children are taught, to see how much is drawn from text-books and whether there is a national characteristic and work on identifying writing by left-handed people. Both projects are funded by the Home Office.

# Kinnock praises new spirit

From Philip Webster, Political Reporter, Brighton

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday hailed Labour's most successful conference in years as marking the party's renewal and the first step towards reestablishing it as an election winning force.

As delegates left Brighton in remarkably good heart, Mr Kinnock said that the conference had been a marvellous encouragement to the Labour movement and millions of people who wanted to vote Labour. "We have now got a movement that wants to win. It will win. It will continually attend to the business of winning over the coming year", he said.

For good measure, Mr Kinnock added that he was looking forward to the return of Parliament and his first encounter with Mrs Margaret Thatcher. "I wish it was next week", he said. (Parliament reassembles on October 24.)

Mr Kinnock's enthusiasm was understandable. The week has seen his position firmly established by the overwhelming victory in the first leadership election thrown open to the whole movement, and by the election of a national executive with which he can happily work.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the new deputy leader, summed up the mood of optimism when he predicted that the speed at which Labour would improve in public standing would be phenomenal.

## Centre right holds key

All of the chairmanships of key Labour Party committees will go to people acceptable to Mr Neil Kinnock and the centre right, after negotiations this week in preparation for the chairmanship elections next month.

It is almost certain that Mr Sydney Terry, of the shopworkers' union USDAW, will become chairman of the important home policy committee.

# Lay-off threat to 1,700 at Ford

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Another 1,700 Ford workers are under threat of being laid off at the Halewood car plant in Merseyside to add to the 4,000 production men already sent home.

The company is meeting on Monday to discuss the five-week strike at Silcock and Colling, the company which delivers vehicles to dealers, and its potential effect on Ford.

Efforts are to be made at national level at the weekend in an attempt to end the stoppage.

Mr Harold Verinder, a Liverpool official of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said that Mr Ronald Todd, the union's chief negotiator for the car industry, had been asked to meet Silcock shop stewards.

The workers who seem most vulnerable to lay-off at Halewood are the 1,400 men in the press shop and 300 who are involved in the manufacture of trim.

Unions feel that the lay-offs are an attempt by the management to make its own work force put pressure on their colleagues at Silcock and Colling.

The stoppage, which involves 200 drivers, is over the threat of 90 redundancies. No talks were held yesterday although shop stewards had been standing by for any management initiative.

The men laid off by Ford have been on 80 per cent of their basic pay from the company's lay-off fund until the fund runs out.

Ford says that it is losing £5m a day in showroom prices. Daily production loss is thought to be about 750 Escorts and 150 Orion, a new version of the Escort launched last week.

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# NHS region may share planned private hospital

By Nicholas Thomas

Oxford Regional Health Authority is to explore a link with the private sector, which would provide it with a specialist heart surgery unit built by the British United Provident Association (Bupa).

Under the proposals Bupa will build a £7m private hospital with 60 beds and three operating theatres in the grounds of the John Radcliffe teaching hospital in Oxford.

About half the beds would be used for private patients, and the remainder would be used under terms yet to be defined, by the National Health Service (NHS) for cardiac surgery and cardiology.

They would also be used for teaching medical students and for research. Bupa said yesterday that the scheme should allow 450 NHS heart operations a year.

The Oxford region emphasized that it was entering into a feasibility study, expected to take about two months, without commitment.

Oxford is the only one of the 14 NHS regions which does not have a full heart surgery service. Most of its patients, after assessment, go to St George's Hospital, in south London, for operations.

A large capital investment would be needed to provide such a service, and the region said that, given the shift of priorities to mental illness, mental handicap and geriatric services, it was unlikely to be able to find the money for years.

A spokesman said: "We do not have the capital to provide cardiac surgery. This may be a way to do it without having to put up the capital."

Mr Gordon Roberts, chairman of the region, said: "We have agreed to explore the idea to see whether it would represent value for money and be on terms acceptable to the NHS."

If the scheme goes ahead, the hospital would hope to open at the end of 1985.

The proposal will be warmly welcomed by ministers who have been pressing health authorities to develop closer links with the private sector or some years.

Progress has been slow, however, partly because of the shortage of NHS finances, and partly because of fears of union opposition.

At least three other health authorities, Peterborough, Bath, and the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire, now have plans to link with the private sector.

# Maze officers' concern grows after escape equipment is uncovered

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Escape equipment has been found in the Maze prison near Belfast as officers continue to accuse the Northern Ireland Office of economizing in running the prison service.

Hacksaw blades, bolts and lengths of metal were discovered hidden in a garden used by prisoners between H blocks one and two. The equipment was uncovered during a search of the complex which has been going on since the break-out by 38 Provisional IRA prisoners two weeks ago. But the Northern Ireland Office denied that parts of a collapsible ladder had also been uncovered.

Prison officers at the Maze have been holding meetings to express concern over security. Their latest protest was over the number of officers who have to escort prisoners in the jail. The chairman of the Prison Officers Association, Mr John Hall, said:

"They have no confidence in the way the Northern Ireland Office prison department is running the prison establishment at the moment. The governor has no authority to deal with matters of finance."

The Provisional IRA yesterday admitted killing two members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve in Downpatrick as Mr Enoch Powell, Official Unionist MP for Down South, gave a warning that terrorists were attempting to make the county town a headquarters for their activity.

Two gunmen shot dead the officers at point blank range as they began patrolling a mainly Roman Catholic housing estate where there had been complaints of intimidation against the few Protestant families living there.

Their patrol had been part of a community policing operation

aimed at reassuring residents on the way the Meadowlands estate but that is now under review after the terrorist attack.

After the shooting on Thursday night, in which at least eight shots were fired, the gunmen escaped on foot.

Mr William Finlay, aged 55, a full-time reservist who was married with three teenage children, was shot through the head but died later in hospital. In 1978 he was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Bravery.

His colleague, Mr James Ferguson, aged 33, a part-time reservist, who was married with three children, died almost instantly after being shot several times. Both men were from Downpatrick.

Superintendent James Johnston, the RUC sub-divisional commander in Downpatrick, said: "The men's brief was to patrol the area and instill confidence for the people still living on the estate. The relationship between the remaining Protestant and Roman Catholic families is extremely good and it is an estate with which we did not really have all that many problems."

Meanwhile community leaders united in condemning the killing. Mr Edward McGrady, Social Democratic and Labour Party Assembly member for the area, calling on people to unite and expose the killers.

Tension in Downpatrick began to increase in July when despite opposition from the SDLP the annual Orange parade was permitted to march through the town.



# Powell disputes Soviet threat

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent

Mr Enoch Powell yesterday poured scorn on the Prime Minister's suggestion that the Soviet Union was bent on world domination.

The Official Unionist MP for Down South, said in a speech in Torquay, Devon, that that view was a misunderstanding and a self-delusion, which was designed to sustain the myth that the United States was the last, best hope for mankind.

"St George and the Dragon", he said, "is a poor show without a real dragon, the bigger and scaller the better, ideally with flames coming out of its mouth."

"How any rational person, viewing objectively the history of the last 35 years, could entertain this international misunderstanding, challenges comprehension", Mr Powell said.

"The notion has no basis in fact, it exists wholly in the realm of imagination."

While the United States had fought two big wars in Asia and

absence of elephants as proof of his success."

Nevertheless, Mr Powell accepted that "his largest and most ominous of all international misunderstandings" would not be dissolved by either information or argument, because it was protected by great vested interest.

"Suppose that the misunderstanding were by and chance cleared up. It is impossible to compute the dislocation of the American economy, industry and Government that would ensue, so great has become this dependence upon it over the years," he said.

But he also said: "The misunderstanding of Soviet Russia has become indispensable to the self-esteem of the American nation. He will not be regarded with benevolence who seeks, however ineffectually, to deprive them of it."

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had intervened with military force in Central America and the Middle East, "no Russian soldier stands today an inch beyond where Russian soldiers stood in 1948, with the solitary exception that proves the rule - Afghanistan."

"If Russia is bent on world conquest, she has been remarkably stoical and remarkably unsuccessful," he said. Even her much-feared influence in other continents through money, arms and propaganda has spluttered out more ignominiously than the influence which the West sought to acquire by similar means.

"There are those who say that all this proves only how successful the preventive measures of America and her allies have been," Mr Powell said.

"When superposition is on the defensive, it will always resort to the logic of the professor in the train, who kept the elephants away by throwing out bits of *The Times* and cited the

# Plane crash victims identified

By a Staff Reporter

The four people who died when their light aircraft crashed into the side of a 1,700ft ridge on the Preseli Mountains, in West Wales, in poor visibility were all from the Dublin area.

The Piper Cherokee, was piloted by Dr Donald Roche. The passengers were his father Jack, Mr William Carr and Miss Marjorie Barker.

The crash occurred on Thursday evening half an hour after the aircraft had left Cardiff airport for the 90-minute flight to Dublin.

Wreckage from the single-engine aircraft was seen 150ft below the ridge after a search by aircraft, helicopters and ships.

The aircraft was owned by a consortium of six people.

# Europe-wide protest against cruise

By a Staff Reporter

More than three and four million people are expected to take to the streets of Europe in a fortnight's time in demonstrations against cruise and Pershing II missiles, leaders of the peace movement in Europe said yesterday.

Demonstrations and meetings are also planned in 80 United States cities, as well as in Canada and other countries.

Details of the demonstrations were given in London yesterday by leading peace figures from five Nato countries where the missiles are to be deployed.

Mr P Thompson, a CND national council member, said they expected at least 250,000 people at their demonstration on October 22.

If the missiles are brought into Britain it will be in the face of a shouling peaceful campaign of guerrilla resistance, "he said. They will clearly be seen to be the temporary and unwanted agents of foreign power."

Mr Thompson said he feared press reports quoting intelligence sources, which suggested that the peace movements may become violent, that a "dirty tricks" department was operating. There might be violence in the coming weeks aimed at discrediting the peace movement, he said.

Mr Gunter Minnerup of West Germany, said it had already been shown there that an agent provocateur had been involved in recent disturbances during the visit of Mr George Bush, US Vice President.

They were expecting two million demonstrators on October 22, Mr Minnerup said.

# Taxi tricksters sent to jail

A couple who left a Swiss taxi driver with an unpaid £1,172 fare after persuading him to drive to London were given jail sentences at Southwark Crown court yesterday.

Nevita Parchment, aged 24, of Kennington, south London, who also admitted fraud offences involving £27,000, received an 18-month sentence and Lloyd Forrest, aged 41, of Roehampton, one of 12 months. They were each ordered to pay compensation of £586 to the driver.

# Disputes threaten TV sport

Television sport could be affected this weekend by a dispute over allowances between the BBC and outside broadcast staff which first started in June.

On Thursday outside broadcast units blocked out 65 minutes' scheduled coverage of the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley.

The Association Broadcasting Staff has threatened a series of 24-hour stoppages because of the dispute and further action could affect coverage of weekend sport such as football and horse racing, and may threaten coverage of the Conservative Party Conference next week.

The outside broadcast staff are demanding the right to return home where practicable, when they are working away from base.

A formula for settlement was reached at the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, but the union says that since then the BBC has twice gone back on overnight allowance agreements.

# Women protest at child sex case

Three men facing charges of inciting sex offences with children faced a demonstration by shouting women as they arrived at Bromley Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Steven Adrian Smith, aged 28, David Arthur Joy, aged 42, and David Peter Bremner, aged 43, were remanded on bail until January 24 and 25. They must report daily to the police.

Appeals for the relaxation of bail conditions were dismissed.

# Moscow flight cancelled

British Airways' flights to Moscow were still at a standstill yesterday, for "commercial reasons", two days after airline pilots lifted their ban. Yesterday's flight was cancelled because "only 20 passengers" were booked on it, the airline said.

# Print plant shut

Mr David Dimbleby, broadcaster and managing director of Dimbleby Newspaper Group in London, announced the closure of the group's Richmond printing works yesterday, where a seven-week NGA dispute stopped publication of four papers.

# Airport threat

Air traffic controllers at Aberdeen airport, which serves Britain's North Sea oilfields, yesterday threatened to close it if a seven-week strike by assistant controllers over manning was not settled quickly.

# Woodland boost

The National Trust announced yesterday that it would increase the planting of native broad-leaved trees on its 12,000 acres of woodland in Cumbria and Lancashire.

# Capital victory

Capital Radio has won a new franchise to run the London independent local radio station, from 1984 until 1992 despite two other bids.

# Piracy growing seamen say

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

A dossier of attacks by pirates on British seamen has been prepared by the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association.

One radio officer describes an "horrific" experience recently when a band of seaborne thieves brandishing machetes boarded his ship off Singapore.

Mr D. R. Hurkan told how he was held at knife-point and bound hand and foot while the pirates helped themselves to his valuables and those of the captain, and made off with the ship's safe.

The association and the Radio and Electronic Officers' Union, and the National Union of Seamen, are pressing for an international campaign against the growing menace of piracy.

The report says that there are two main kinds of attack in two separate areas.

Off the West African coast the raids are conducted by

gangs of 15 to 20 armed men in hijacked motor boats. The pirates plunder containers on board.

In the Singapore area the groups are smaller and armed with knives. They usually steal the personal possessions of the crew.

But the union is resisting pressure to arm seamen with guns. "That would only lead to gun battles in which crewmen could be killed," Mr John Newman, the union's assistant general secretary, said.

Seafarers' leaders, together with the International Chamber of Commerce, are to present their case for increased security measures at the International Maritime Organization meeting next month.

The pirates are becoming more professional and there is concern that as ships become larger and crews smaller, the vessels become increasingly vulnerable.

# Journalists split over crossing picket line

By Our Labour Reporter

The *Stockport Messenger* newspaper was at the centre of a new dispute after six journalists refused to join 10 colleagues in crossing a printing trade union picket line yesterday.

The newspaper faced being the scene of the first revolt against new labour laws last month when the executive of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) instructed members to take unlawful secondary industrial action in support of the National Graphical Association (NGA).

Yesterday a hearing in chambers of an injunction application by the *Stockport Messenger* against the NGA was adjourned until next Friday.

# Minister will launch wilderness congress

By John Young

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland, will officially open the third World Wilderness Congress in Inverness today.

The presence of a senior minister is seen as an indication that the Government has been persuaded to show a greater interest in the conference than it appeared to do a few weeks ago.

It is also belated recognition that the absence of government representation would have been taken as a slight to the delegates, many of whom, such as Mr John Block, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, and Mr Ray Arnett, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, hold important posts.

# AA and RAC face competition

By Richard Evans

As the number of car owners in Britain accelerates past 15 million, the motor-services market, centred on breakdown and recovery service, has never been busier or more cut-throat.

For decades the Automobile Association and the Royal Automobile Club, with their roadside officers, split the lucrative cake in the most gentlemanly manner. But no longer.

The £8,526 which the RAC was ordered to pay this week by an industrial tribunal to a former salesman who failed to recruit his yearly quota of new members, is not just the price paid by the club for carrying out an unfair dismissal. It reflects the new era in which the AA and RAC have found themselves.

This year alone two new organizations, Britannia Rescue Service and Europ Assistance, have entered the motor service market in Britain. Britannia, a subsidiary of the Civil Servants Motoring Association, caters exclusively for 90,000 civil servants, but it is considering opening to the public.

They are the latest additions to the independent sector which has challenged the big two over the past dozen years. While the AA, with its 5.5 million members, and the RAC, with 2.5 million, proudly boast a far more extensive service than

# Canada stops sales of Mackintosh cabinet

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The guardians of Canada's artistic heritage have stopped the sale of a cabinet which promised to beat all price records for twentieth-century furniture at auction.

The white-painted cabinet with glass mosaic doors, designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, was to be auctioned by Sotheby's in Monte Carlo on Sunday and a price of more than £100,000 was forecast. Trade sources declared that one bidder was prepared to go to £200,000.

The cabinet is one of a pair designed by Mackintosh in Glasgow in 1902 for the home of a Mrs Rowat. So pleased was he with the design that he had another pair made for himself, now in the Glasgow University collection.

In recent years, Mackintosh has come to be seen as a pioneer of twentieth-century design. This cabinet, together with a four-piece bedroom suite made

# Sale room

Canada stops sales of Mackintosh cabinet

for Miss Cranston, his important patron, were acquired in Glasgow in the 1930s by their present owner, who emigrated to Canada at that time.

The pieces were sent to Glasgow with a temporary export permit for restoration by Guthrie and Wells, which made furniture for Mackintosh at the turn of the century and now specializes in restoring it.

By last summer the furniture, which had been stripped of its distinctive white paint, again looked Mackintosh and Sotheby's decided that Monaco was the best place to sell it. It then remembered, rather late in the day, that the items required export licences from Canada.

Having read Sotheby's publicity, claiming the importance of the pieces, Canada decided on Wednesday that permission to export permanently should not be given until all avenues for retaining the furniture in Canada had been explored.

# Lady locked in embrace at wheel

Lady Theresa Manners, aged 20, daughter of the Duke of Rutland, was locked in an embrace as she drove along the fast lane of a motorway, magistrates Colehill, Warwickshire, were told yesterday.

She admitted not having proper control of her car and was fined £75.

Inspector Roger Coleman said that on three occasions her front seat passenger, Malcolm Connell, aged 33, leant over to the driver in a passionate embrace. Connell, who was also fined £75, said he had been whispering in her ear and at no time had obstructed her vision.

For two miles the police followed the car driven by Lady Theresa of Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire, but even with the patrol car's blue light flashing, she appeared oblivious to other traffic on the M6.

Eventually she moved to the roadside lane of the motorway at Stretton under Fosse, Warwickshire.

# £1 note fetches £1,980

Phillips staged the biggest sale of bank notes held in Britain at its London headquarters yesterday, securing £1,980 (estimate £1,400 to £1,600) for a £1 note issued by the Glasgow Joint Stock Banking Company in 1840, and £1,815 (estimate £2,000) for the only known £5 note of 1836 issued by the Commercial Bank of Edinburgh. Both were bought by a private collector from Scotland who has specialized in the field for many years.

# Local authorities must find finances for arts

By Christopher Warman, Arts Correspondent

Manchester, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society, Opera North and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

They will be expected to continue to attract local finance and support, including private sponsorship.

The South Bank halls, including the Festival Hall, National Theatre, Hayward Gallery and National Film Theatre, which are all owned by the GLC, are to be administered as a single entity, with its assets transferred to an independent board answerable to the Arts Council.

A consultation paper published by the Office of Arts and Libraries states: "The Arts Council would make funding available where necessary, but the complex as a whole would be expected to be run as far as possible on commercially viable lines while retaining the cultural activities and interests which currently flourish there."

Six museums and arts galleries are specified for central support. The Museum of London, at present funded equally by the Government, City of London and Corporation and the GLC, will in future be funded by the Government and City of London.

The Horniman Museum, London, will be the responsibility of the trustees of the British Museum; Kenwood, north London, and the Geffry Museum, east London, the trustees of the Victoria & Albert Museum; and the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, and the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the trustees of the Fairs Gallery.

During 1983-84, the metropolitan counties are providing almost £12m in grants while the GLC's grant budget is more

# Overseas setting prices

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# Holidaymakers to get speedier service as agents install computers

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The fully computerized travel agent, comparatively rare until now, is expected to emerge in most high streets after an agreement announced yesterday.

Computerization means quicker and more detailed service for the customer with a wider and up-to-date array of information available.

It should be possible to get more details than appear in package tour operators' brochures of hotels, resorts and points such as what to wear, health regulations or where to hire equipment.

Under the new agreement a specialist computer system backed by the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) is to be marketed exclusively by British Telecom's Merlin div-

ision, the company's marketing arm for office systems.

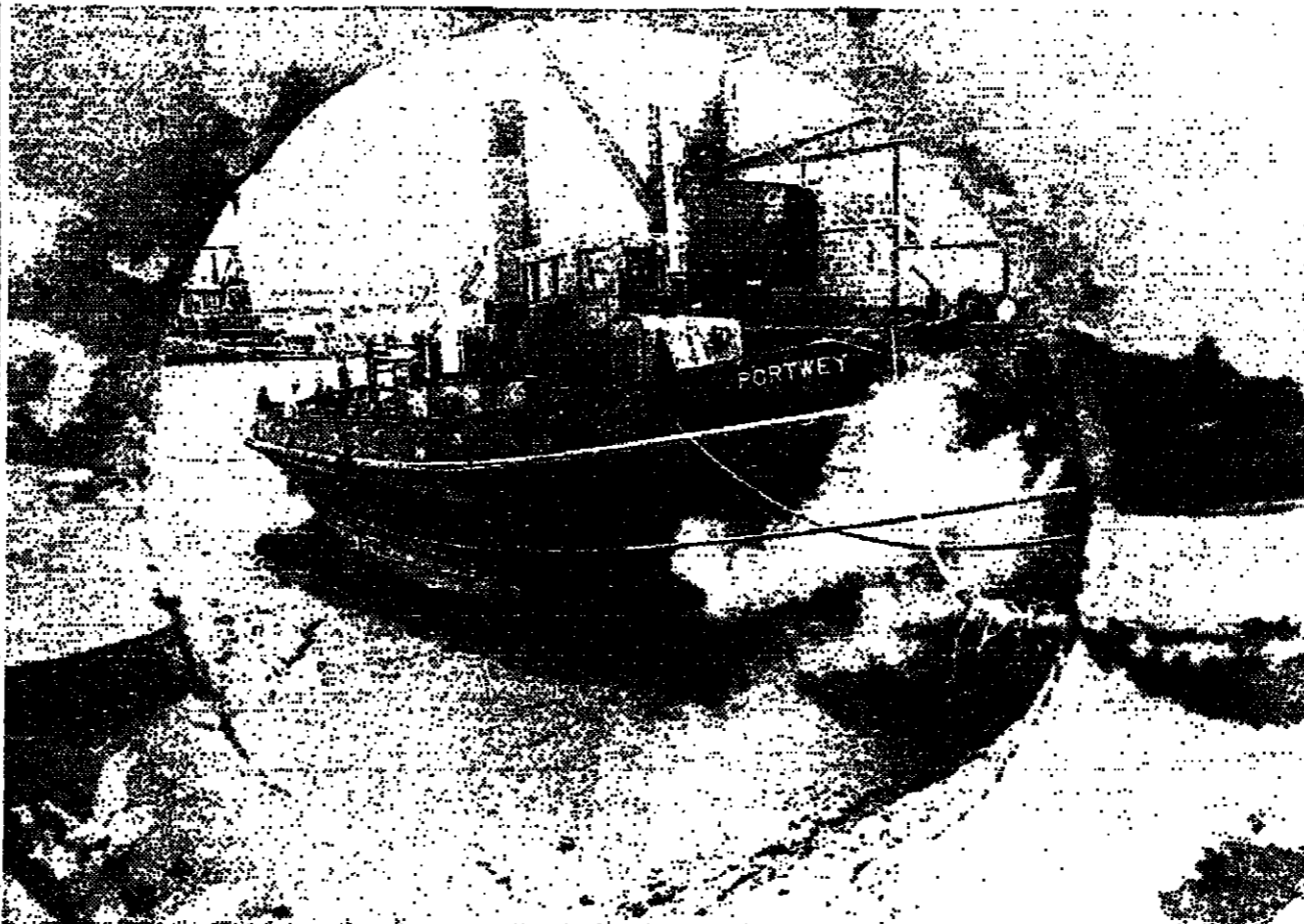
The system, known as Modulus and designed by Tourism Technology to meet travel agents' specific needs, is in some travel agency outlets. About a dozen will be installed by next week and about another 30 agents are discussing installation. Leading travel agency chains which operate nationally have changed to computerized systems.

The biggest impact, as an autumn sales drive on Modulus is mounted, will be when the typically family-run travel agencies, with only one or two outlets, take up the new technology. There are about 4,000 outlets of that kind compared with the 1,200 of the

big chains and about 300 of the smaller agency chains.

Modulus is designed so that even the most modest travel, essentially a personal computer, can be built up in modular fashion with the more powerful and advanced elements available in the system. The main price range is from about £5,500 to just more than £12,000 with leasing options to reduce demands on capital expenditure.

The lower price brings a Modulus 1000 which offers access to the various viewdata systems operating in the trade from Frestel to tour operators' own booking systems. A memory stores viewdata pages for showing to customers. There is a word processor.



## Steam up for an old sea workhorse

The Maritime Trust's tug Portwey getting steam up yesterday at the end of a £15,000 refit at Rochester. Today trust staff and volunteers including Mr Philip Bryant (right) will steam the coal-fired, twin-screw vessel down the Medway and up the Thames to St Katharine's Dock, where she will return to her berth with the Historic

Ships Collection. The 86ft tug, built on the Clyde by Harland & Wolff in 1927, sailed in June last year from the Dart when she was given to the trust by Mr Richard Dobson, of Stoke Gabriel, south Devon. She is due at St Katharine's today and will be towing two pontoons for the Discovery's berth. (Photographs: Brian Harris.)



## 'No crime' plea over glue kits

Court of Appeal judges were asked yesterday to decide that selling glue-sniffing kits was not a crime under Scots law. The hearing was before Lord Justice-General Lord Emslie, Lord Cameron and Lord Dunpark, in the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh.

It comes after a decision by Lord Avonside in August, that two brothers should go to trial accused of selling glue-sniffing kits to children.

Khalid Raja, aged 23, and Ahmed Raja, aged 28, both of Glasgow, are accused of culpable recklessness conduct by supplying solvents in particular glue, together with crisp packets or plastic bags to children between the ages of eight and fifteen.

It is alleged that between February 1981 and April 6 this year the men caused, or procured, the children to inhale the solvents to the danger of their health and lives.

They are also charged with receiving stolen goods from children in exchange for supplying them with solvents or money to buy solvents.

Lord McCluskey, QC, for one brother, said that legislation, since the 1920s, Parliament had chosen to regulate the possession, production, supply and consumption of drugs, such as opium, LSD and mescaline.

"If it were a crime under common law to supply to a person a substance, in full knowledge that he would use it to the danger of his health, one would expect to find somewhere in our law prosecutions prior to 1920, in which persons were charged with the supply of opium, cocaine or LSD, but there is no such instance of a common law prosecution of this kind."

"What the children did was not a consequence of what the shopkeepers are accused of."

The hearing was adjourned until a later date.

## Britain lags behind in living standards

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Living standards in Britain now lag well behind those in the rest of Europe, with the West Germans and French between 20 and 25 per cent better off than ourselves.

Figures published in *An Economic Profile of Britain 1983* from Eloyds Bank show that in 1981 British living standards were only 92 per cent of the average for the European Community, with West Germany ranked top at 115 per cent, followed by Denmark and France at 111 per cent.

The United Kingdom can claim rough parity with Japan but falls a long way short of living standards in the United States and the Scandinavian countries, and the bank's report says.

The figures are based on comparisons of national output

per head. But Britain compares more favourably on some other measures.

It has more telephones and television sets per person than in other European countries.

The booklet notes that Britain's postwar growth rate has been consistently lower than in most other industrial countries.

Items per 1,000 inhabitants	Year			
	1975	1981	1980	1977
Passenger cars	226	307	404	17
Tele-phones	32	486	354	1.5
Television sets	159	488	335	2.0
UK	300	384	398	2.3
France	185	332	312	1.2
USA	538	798	824	1.7

## Butter sales improve

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

For the first time in several years butter is showing signs of regaining part of the market which it has been losing steadily to margarine.

According to the Butter Information Council, butter's share of the market in the four weeks ending September 10 was 36.4 per cent, compared with 35.2 per cent in the same period

last year. More than £750,000 is to be spent on a national advertising campaign in the six weeks before Christmas.

The council believes that butter is slowly returning to favour, in spite of the fact that it is about 25p more expensive than margarine for a 250 gramme pack.

## Teeth filled by mistake

Dentists may be putting unnecessary fillings in patients' teeth through mistakes in diagnosis, according to an article in the latest issue of the *British Dental Journal*.

But the article rejects suggestions that too many fillings are carried out because of the fee-for-service system by which National Health Service dentists are paid.

Tooth decay is usually detected by visual or tactile examination backed up by X-rays.

As the possibility of mis-diagnosis is present every time a patient visits the dentist, "the more frequently the patient is examined, the more likely it will be that teeth are unnecessarily filled," the article, written by four dentists, claims.

Life-long care for pets

If you do not want to leave your cat short of its daily bowl of milk or your dog without a home, you should take care how you make provision for them in your will.

This is the advice of Mr Paul Matthews, a lecturer in the latest issue of the *Law Society's Gazette*. The problem is that pets cannot be sole beneficiaries, or plaintiffs or defendants in any legal dispute as to their right to benefit.

He offers three solutions. The first is to make a contract with somebody to maintain the pet in return for a legacy or the residue of an estate. The second is to ensure that trustees use income from the estate for the benefit of the owners of the animals, income which could be used for the pets' upkeep and for veterinary surgeons' fees. The third idea is to create a trust for the pet for a number of years or for the animal's life.

## Schoolgirl delivered own baby

A girl aged 14 delivered her own baby after concealing her pregnancy from family, friends and teachers. But the boy died immediately, the Southwark coroner was told yesterday.

The girl, who lives in south London, was preparing to go to school when she complained of a stomach ache, the inquest was told. A short time later she gave birth alone in the bathroom. No one had realized the girl's condition.

Recording that the baby died from lack of attention at birth, Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, said: "There is nothing whatsoever to indicate anyone took any active part in killing this baby."

Clergyman told to pay

The Rev Ray Arnold, who refuses to pay a £31 tax bill because he says the money will be spent on arms, has been ordered to pay within 28 days.

At a private hearing at Birmingham County Court yesterday, the defence to the claim by Mr Arnold, of Craven Arms, Shropshire, was stuck out as not being reasonable in law. He says he will appeal against the ruling.

## Libel retrial case adjourned

The Court of Appeal yesterday adjourned hearing an application by *The Daily Telegraph* for a retrial of the successful libel action brought by Mr J. P. R. Williams, the former Welsh rugby player.

The case was adjourned until Monday, October 17, and Mr Arthur Young, a former Adidas sales representative of Lodge Farm, Caeleuan, Gwent, who alleges he personally paid "boot money" to Mr Williams was ordered to be present.

## Treasure found

A man taking his dog for a walk yesterday found a Flemish tapestry and other treasures, stolen from the Duke of Rutland's Haddon Hall in Derbyshire, near a disused railway track at Rowsley, Matlock.

## Court victory for road plan protesters

A High Court judge yesterday overthrew an order by ministers for a dual carriageway to be built through historic parkland at Highclere. It was an unusual victory for the conservation lobby, which had protested for years about the Government's determination to build through a park landscaped by Capability Brown.

The judgment forces ministers to drop their refusal to hold a public inquiry into the road which is intended to take the A34 out of the hamlet of Whitway to the south of Newbury on the Berkshire-Hampshire border. The road is a busy link between the Midlands and the Channel ports.

The Department of Transport said yesterday that it would not decide what to do about the case until it had seen Mr Justice Webster's judgment in writing.

Objectors served a writ on ministers because they ordered the road to be built without an inquiry and before the ombudsman had reported about alleged maladministration of plans for the road.



The land is part of one of the largest surviving intact private estates in the British countryside. It belongs to the family of Lord Porchester, the Queen's racing manager. He and many residents of Whitway do not oppose the dual carriageway planned by ministers.

But objectors worried about its impact on the parkland want it built further away.

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## Prince Andrew makes TV plea for historic ship

Prince Andrew turned his hand to television presenting yesterday. He spent the day with a film crew at Bristol docks, working on a national fund-raising appeal to restore the historic vessel, the Great Britain.

The visit by the prince, who became the project's patron in July, was kept quiet, so that he could work on the programme undisturbed.

Mr Joe Blake, director commander of the project, said they were grateful that he agreed to present the appeal for funds.

## Solicitor under scrutiny jumped from bridge

A leading Northern solicitor under a Law Society investigation threw himself to his death from a motorway bridge because he thought it was the "proper thing to do", a coroner said yesterday. The police found a suicide note from Mr John Firth Duxbury, aged 49, in his car along with papers which "caused him great concern".

An inquest was told that a motorist saw a falling "object" as he drove along the M62 near Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

The Bradford coroner, Mr James Turnbull said that among the papers in the car was a note signed by Mr Duxbury, of

Shipley, a father of two and former president of the Bradford branch of the Law Society. "It made it quite clear that he was distressed by some personal matters."

Mr Turnbull recorded a verdict that the solicitor took his own life.

The coroner said: "This is very distressing for me as I knew John personally and he was held in the highest affection. Mr Duxbury was a partner in a firm of Bradford solicitors, Herbert Duxbury & Sons. Earlier this week the Law Society confirmed it is investigating the firm."



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Delegates reject move to tighten control of parliamentary party

A move by constituency parties to tighten conference control over the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) was rejected by a 3,480,000-vote majority after a spirited defence of MPs' independence by Mr John Golding, MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme, on the last day of the conference in Brighton.

Reports from Alan Wood, Robert Morgan, John Winder, Amanda Haigh and Stephen Goodwin

make an impact inside and outside the Commons. Mr Golding, opposing the motion on behalf of the NEC, said that the proposition talked about the wish to restore unity. If carried, it would have exactly the opposite effect.

Electoral college system to remain

The trade union vote in the electoral college to elect the Labour leader and deputy leader was retained not to Labour support in the unions but the value of the cheque the trade union leader was writing to sign, Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Plumbing and Telecommunications Union (EETPU) said when proposing the replacement of the electoral college with one member, one vote in an indirect election.

Sometimes MPs' consciences told them conference decisions were wrong. Mr Golding, outgoing chairman of the party's home policy committee, said. To bind them as was proposed would reinforce the distrust that had crippled the movement over recent years.

The motion from Kilmarnock and London, provided for the standing orders of the PLP to be incorporated into the party constitution with a commitment added to implement Labour policies. Major decisions of the PLP would have to be taken at weekly meetings by a recorded vote to be made available to all affiliated organizations.

Mr John Knapp, moving the motion for Kilmarnock and London, said that the object was to improve the relationship between conference and the PLP. Unless they did this, conference would continue to be an irrelevance ignored by the PLP.

Commons itself. It is amazing no such mechanism exists. Mr Owen Farley, Bootle, said that the distinct must be ended. It led to MPs regarding conference merely as a talking shop and to conference regarding MPs in terms of betrayal and seclusion. Both these interpretations were simplistic and destructive.

Opposition to the motion was led by Mr John Dornand, MP for Eastington and Chairman of the PLP. Describing it as a "straight-jacket", Mr Dornand said that the motion would at very least inhibit MPs' work.

"At worst it could lead to a repetition of the internal wrangles which we have had over the last few years. Let us get on with the job of politics, the job you sent us to the House of Commons to do", Mr Dornand appealed.

He said that just before the summer recess the PLP decided to appoint a committee to consider how best to change its procedures in the light of the vastly changed parliamentary situation, with considerably fewer Labour MPs and a massive Tory majority.

The committee had held six meetings, three of them during the recess, which lasted all day, and the next would be attended by the new leadership. The committee, under the chairmanship of Mr Ian Mikardo, demonstrated the intense determination and desire of MPs to

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

The Labour Party has made considerable progress at Brighton towards becoming an effective Opposition, but it still has a long way to go before it is a credible alternative government.

The desire for unity inevitably means the spirit is better, and the morale of some - though by no means all - right-wingers has improved markedly.

It is important because they should now have more of a stomach for critical battles that he absentees in the Commons.

Mr Kinnoch's speech on Thursday was quintessentially that of an Opposition leader, in the sense that he concentrated upon restoring the enthusiasm of his own party and establishing the most advantageous lines of attack upon the Government.

Charging batteries

It was rhetorically an accomplished performance. He sought, as any skilful Opposition leader should, to change the agenda of the political debate to his benefit. And he showed his instinct for the political kill in attacking the Conservative as one of its most vulnerable points: the health service cuts.

It was a strong and lively exercise of political aggression, which is the first task of an opposition party.

It was also politically astute in that it enabled Mr Kinnoch to ensure himself to his supporters and to recharge the batteries of a shattered party before asking it to contemplate the difficult decisions that lie ahead.

But it was not a speech of substance. Mr Kinnoch did not take the opportunity either to offer a strategic vision of the constructive purpose of Labour policies or even to warn his party of the need to re-examine policies that were so decisively rejected by the electorate in June.

Objectives limited

Unity is all very well, but it will not be much use if Labour cannot unite on a basis that commands the confidence of the country.

Perhaps Mr Kinnoch was right to limit his objectives on this occasion. There is no use trying to spend political capital before it is accumulated, no advantage in a leader confronting his party and then losing the battle.

Backing for new leaders

Mr Sam McCuskie, National Union of Seamen, chairman of this year's conference, bringing it to a close, said under the new leadership the party would go forward.

emphasize the magnitude of the task that still awaits Labour. Labour was not massacred in the general election simply because it failed to attack the Government effectively.

It lost so badly principally because it did not look capable of running the country, and its fortunes will not be revived until it once again appears a serious and responsible party.

On the sale of council houses and on Europe, Labour has shown this week that it is moving into line with the electorate.

But the defence debate was disastrous, and there was no sign that the party was prepared to consider the embarrassing choice necessary in economic policy, particularly over public spending.

Alliance challenge

The best way to induce the party to accept a reconsideration of policy might be by a gradual, indirect, crab-like approach, so that most people were only dimly aware of what was happening. But Labour would not gain the necessary electoral benefit unless the country was fully conscious of what was being done.

Labour also cannot afford to wait for too long if it is to beat off the challenge of the Alliance.

A leader who is seen to confront his party successfully gains much public respect. If that is too dangerous a course for Mr Kinnoch now, Labour will none the less be necessary soon to signal that the words of Brighton will be followed by this.

Perhaps we shall hear that a new statement on defence is being prepared, that a reconstruction of the party organization is under way, or that the rules governing the re-election of MPs are going to be modified.

Host council withdraws from garden festival

Liverpool City Council yesterday agreed to make an all-party approach to the Prime Minister for a government undertaking to fund the International Garden Festival in the city next year.

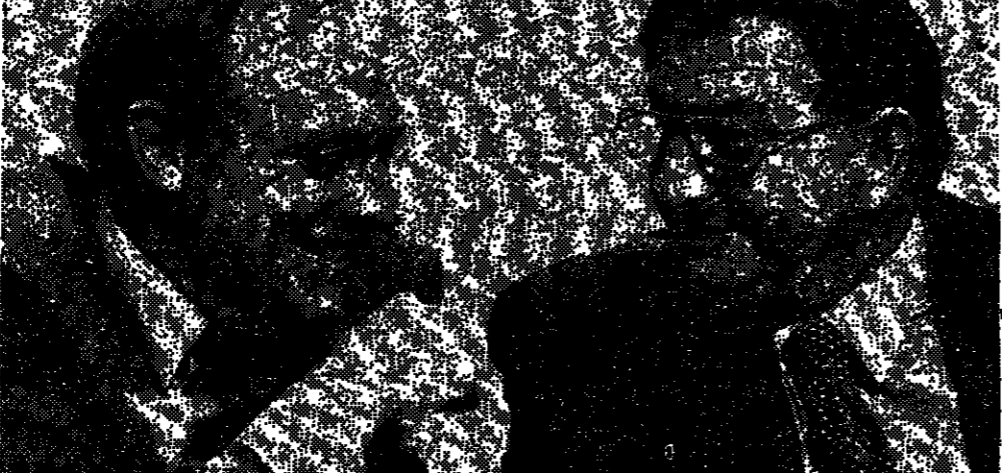
Mr John Hamilton, leader of the council, insisted that if Liverpool spent ratepayers' money on the event, they would be penalized through the rates support grant. The festival, he added, was irrelevant compared with the need for jobs and houses in the city. He said that Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment,

£250,000 tax fraud

Two directors of the Porter group of companies, which includes the Bear Hotel in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, yesterday admitted six charges of conspiring to defraud the Inland Revenue of £250,000 by making payments to staff without deducting tax and national insurance contributions.

Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, for the prosecution, told Judge Mynett, at Oxford Crown Court: "These charges arise from a series of allegations that these men, individually and with others, were responsible for various frauds upon the Inland Revenue."

Judge Mynett adjourned sentence until mid-November. The Porters were granted bail.



Week ending: Mr Neil Kinnoch (left) with Mr Eric Heffer in Brighton yesterday (Photographs: John Manning).

Delegates back fight over pit closures

Suggesting that the nation should do for the mining industry what it did for agriculture, Mr Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, for the second time, called for and obtained conference backing for National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) motion urging resistance to pit closures apart from those through exhaustion.

The motion, carried on the party and the Government to stipulate a target of 200 million tonnes of coal a year and a guarantee of subsidies at the level of those given within the EEC. It also urged the winding down of open-cast coal operations and the redirection of investment away from nuclear energy and towards coal.

Mr Scarpill, who moved the motion, declared that the coal board had no competence in fiddling the figures, and maintained that last year the industry made £100m profit. If it had had subsidies equal to those in East and West Europe it would have made at least £400m to £500m profit.

He wanted to see retirement at 55 for all workers. They should start with MacGregor and the sooner the better. They should be overtime in every industry in order to give work to many who were unemployed.

Mr Skinner said that the closure of 70 pits would cost £4,300m but if the pits were kept open, albeit some uneconomic, the cost would be £2,000m. With subsidies like those in the Common Market, all the uneconomic pits would suddenly become economic.

The Prime Minister had called in Mr MacGregor to rip the guts out of the industry.

There was laughter when Mr Sam McCuskie, the chairman, said: "Anyone against this one? There's the gallows outside." No one was against the motion.

Milk imports opposed

An emergency resolution opposing government proposals to allow import of ultra-high-treated and sterilized milk from EEC countries, was passed by the conference.

The motion said that legislation arising from a European Court decision that Britain must allow importation of UHT milk should not be extended to sterilized milk which would threaten all sections of the British milk industry, particularly doorstep deliveries.

It was moved by Mr William Whittier, general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, who said that the

union objective was to limit imports to UHT and even then to have a long transitional period. They intended to campaign to save the British milk industry by petitioning the public, organizing a lobby of Parliament, as a national demonstration to expose the development which would lead to deterioration of the British milk industry.

Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, for the NEC, urged acceptance of the motion. The NEC had already called on the Government to defy the European Court and refuse to carry out its ruling.

Government condemned over police Bill

The Labour Party was the real party of real law and order. Ms Jo Richardson, MP for Barking, speaking for the national executive committee, declared at the end of a debate on the police and Criminal Justice Bill.

The conference carried unanimously a motion condemning the Government's decision to reintroduce the Bill and calling on the next Labour government to introduce legislation which would curb unnecessary police powers, and ban the use of plastic bullets.

Moving the resolution, Ms Barbara Roche, Battersea, said that the police and the police Bill were the most vital issues facing them as socialists.

Ever Lord Salmon had said that the Bill would bring them closer to a police state. The Bill was nothing to do with reducing crime, it was to do with repression.

It extended police powers to a degree unprecedented in Britain. The police would be able to stop and search people on the street, set up road blocks and search homes.

frontiers of the state. What sort of freedom was it that allowed the police to fingerprint children aged 10. It would be the young people who would suffer from the Bill, particularly black young people.

But it would also be used to stop trade unionists going on demonstrations and pickets and to stop coach loads of CND supporters going to demonstrations.

Mr Paul Boateng, chairman of the Greater London Council police committee, said that the Bill was about policing by coercion and it had brought together sometimes unlikely bedfellows, including the Daily Mail, The Sun and London Labour Briefing.

The Bill, rather than doing anything about the real problems of crime in society, was likely to make things worse because it would drive a wedge between the police and the community.

All the evidence was that the more you maximize police powers the more you minimize public support.

The record of the Tories, which claimed to be the law and order party, was abysmal with crime rates

up and detection rates were on the decrease.

The answer was not to throw more powers at the police but to bring the police and community closer together on the basis of respect for individual liberty and on the basis of policies which created a situation where the community was involved in crime prevention within a defined framework.

Mrs Richardson said the Labour had a different approach from the police Bill, which would lead to more crime and a worse clear-up rate.

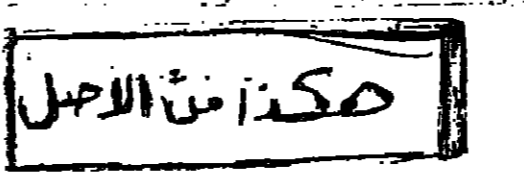
The supply of plastic bullets and inadequate safeguards for suspects would increase the distrust which had already developed between the police and some sections of the community. It would undermine public willingness to cooperate.

"We want better and closer police community relations," she said. "We want to encourage the police to return to the best so that they have a closer link with the community. We have to create elected police authorities, which use their powers to make sure the police are genuinely accountable to the public."

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# Metropolitan counties White Paper 'Streamlined' city authorities formula unveiled

The Government wants to "streamline the cities" by abolishing the upper-tier authorities in the metropolitan counties and London. The white paper published yesterday says substantial - but unspecified - savings in costs, staff and rates will result.

Under the white Paper proposals the Greater London Council (GLC) and the six metropolitan county of South and West Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, the West Midlands and Tyne and Wear will cease to exist on March 31 1986. The term of office of Mr Kenneth Livingstone and all the other county councillors ends in April 1985; district and borough councillors will take over for the transition period.

In place of the abolished authorities - at least 30 joint boards and several new quangos will be established. Civil servants in the departments of the environment, transport and the arts take on important new responsibilities, although Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday that there would be no increase in their numbers.

The white Paper notes that all three of the main parties' manifestos in June contained commitments to further reorganization of big city government. The following are extracts from the White Paper.

**THE CASE FOR CHANGE**  
The basic principle of the earlier reorganizations was that a two-tier system of local government was necessary in all areas of the country. There was thought to be a need for a worthwhile job - for operational authorities in every area - a lower tier providing essential local services and an upper tier dealing with functions needing a wider area of administration.

Since 1981/82 the Government have set expenditure targets for individual local authorities as part of their policy for restraining local government expenditure as a whole. The GLC and the MCCs as a group, have consistently exceeded these targets, and have indeed increased their expenditure significantly more than other local authorities in England. The average cash increase between 1978/79 and 1982/83 (budgets in net current expenditure terms) for the GLC was 111 per cent, the range lies between 91 per cent (Tyne and Wear) and 127 per cent (Merseyside). These percentages compare with an average figure of 10 per cent for other local authorities in England.

**PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE**  
The Government recognize that many of those who have served these councils, either as members or as officers, have done their best to make the system work, and in this they have had some successes. But this cannot be a reason for keeping a structure which is fundamentally unsound and which has imposed heavy and unnecessary burdens on ratepayers. The Government have therefore decided that the GLC and MCCs should be abolished.

The abolition of these upper-tier authorities will streamline city government in the metropolitan areas. It will remove a source of conflict and tension. It will save money, after some transitional costs. It will also provide a system which is simpler for the public to understand, in that responsibility for virtually all local services will rest with a single authority.

**FUNCTIONS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE LOWER TIER**  
Planning  
The borough and district councils already have a responsibility for certain planning functions; and it is proposed that they should on abolition take over responsibility for the structure plan function at present carried out by the GLC and MCCs.

**Highways and Traffic Management**  
The borough and district councils will take over responsibility for highways and traffic management. The London borough councils are already highway authorities in their own right, and many metropolitan district councils already carry out work of this kind for the counties on an agency basis.

**Waste Regulation and Disposal**  
The responsibilities of the GLC and MCCs for waste regulation and disposal will be transferred to the borough and district councils. The Government wish to see that, in the setting up of new arrangements for disposal, the maximum encouragement is given to increasing private sector participation.

**Trading Standards and Related Functions**  
The MCCs are responsible for administering food composition and labelling requirements, animal health legislation, and trading standards and consumer protection legislation. These functions will pass to the district councils, which will need to take steps to ensure consistent standards of enforcement, and to make appropriate arrangements for sharing equipment and specialist staff.

**Historic Buildings**  
The London borough and metropolitan district councils already have the power to perform many of the statutory functions of the GLC and MCCs in respect of historic buildings and ancient

# Gandhi-style drive against Marcos

Chanting "Marcos resign", more than 10,000 protesters held their third and largest rally yesterday in Makati, the business district of Manila, as an umbrella opposition group announced plans for a massive sit-down strike and civil disobedience campaign intended to overthrow the Marcos Government.

Torrential rain scattered the demonstrators two hours after the rally began with the now routine ticker tape shower of confetti, paper and streamers and a noise barrage of car and bus horns.

Two other peaceful demonstrations were held in other parts of the city and a rally was announced for today in Tondo, a slum district of Manila. But Mr Agapito Aquino, brother of the murdered opposition leader Benigno Aquino, told businessmen at a city hotel that anti-Government forces were about to change tactics and launch a mass protest aimed at paralyzing daily life in Manila.

The urban poor are going to sit down all over Manila and do nothing... it is an active do-nothing protest similar to that of Mr Aquino said, referring to the civil disobedience campaign organized by Mahatma Gandhi against British rule in India.

Mr Aquino, who is vice-chairman of the recently organized Justice for All (Jaja) movement, did not say when the sit-down strike campaign would begin but said other sectors of society were planning their own protest actions. He said Jaja comprised 67 groups representing more than four million Filipinos.

College and university students would boycott classes and teachers were considering going on a six-month vacation, public transport and taxi drivers could stop work for one or two weeks and actors had agreed to a three-month strike and were seeking to close all Manila's cinemas for one week, Mr Aquino said.

The final group we are now waiting for are the professionals and the businessmen. Are they prepared to close down their businesses as a show of protest? he asked. It was a tough decision for the businessmen, he admitted, but if they decided to join the protest "I am certain that the sit-down affair will be very effective."

Bankers were toying with the idea. "If banks go on strike I think Marcos will go down. We are actually delivering a message to (him) to step down before it is too late," he said. "They'll probably pick up all the leaders first," he added, anticipating Mr Marcos's response to the Jaja campaign. "Then they will probably start clapping some of those sitting down and maybe shoot some of us. But our numbers are growing."

Several hours after his speech President Marcos accused the opposition of "stirring up mob hysteria" following the Aquino murder seven weeks ago. He said banks and investors had over-reacted, apparently referring to growing business criticism of his 18-year-old regime. The businessmen and all political groups should forget any differences with the Government and concentrate instead on helping to maintain the nation's economic stability. Mr Marcos said after presiding over a three-hour Cabinet meeting which discussed the repercussions of Wednesday's 21.4 per cent devaluation of the peso. "The situation is not as alarming as it was thought to be. It is within tolerable limits and we will do everything to prevent any prejudice to our people," Mr Marcos was quoted as saying.

He ordered a price freeze on petrol and other essential commodities.

A Government prosecutor, meanwhile, filed formal charges of incitement to sedition against Mr Rommel Corro, editor and publisher of the weekly *Philippine Times* which military agents raided last week after the paper had carried a series of articles linking at least three Cabinet Ministers and three generals to the assassination of Mr Aquino.

# Nicaragua rebels try for exile government

The CIA-backed guerrillas in northern Nicaragua are forming a government in exile based in the improvised Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa almost certainly with the encouragement of the United States.

Four rebel groups meeting in the city have named Señor Adolfo Calero Portocarrero, former head of Coca-Cola in Nicaragua, as president in exile. Although he is a wealthy conservative, he was not directly associated with the discredited Somoza regime and is presumed to be acceptable to the US. He lives equally in Tegucigalpa and Miami, having left Nicaragua a few years ago.

The ability of the guerrilla groups to agree on the choice of Señor Calero suggests that old rivalries have been put aside, possibly under pressure from the US. There is a determination to draw up a united political strategy to back the guerrilla campaign.

The two principal guerrilla groups have long been beset by rivalries. Señor Calero's Honduran-based Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN) has been the most aggressive and staged a heavy attack on the provincial capital of Occotal on September 26, which it said marked the beginning of the urban stage of the struggle. Señor Calero claims that the Front has between 8,000 and 9,000 men under arms.

The Costa-Rica-based Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (Arde) led by Señor Eden Pastora has been increasingly active. It has staged several air attacks including one on the civil airport in Managua on September 8. Both groups are presumed to be beneficiaries of CIA aid.

Arde has consistently eschewed contact with the FDN because of its belief that the leadership included former military men from the Somoza era.

Señor Calero said in Tegucigalpa that it was an overriding aim to form an alliance between anti-Sandinista groups. There had been talks in the Venezuelan capital of Caracas on September 8 and 9 between the guerrilla factions, including three exiled Nicaraguan tribes of Misura Indians who now live in northern Honduras.

He said another meeting was planned soon in the hope of completing the formation of a government in exile. "We have a common enemy, a common cause and common objectives", he said. "The group would attack ships, 'Be they Iranian or Mexican', that transported oil to Nicaragua. 'The FDN wants to strip the (Nicaraguan) government forces of their capacity to mobilize', he said. Honduran government officials would not comment openly on the possible existence of a Nicaraguan government in exile, being based in Tegucigalpa but there is little doubt that it would turn a blind eye. The According to American officials Honduras is for the first time experiencing subversive activity from Nicaragua.

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Spanish welcome: King Juan Carlos and President Betancur of Colombia review a guard of honour on the latter's arrival for an official visit to Madrid

# Reagan envoy in Spain for Latin policy talks

Mr Richard Stone, the special US representative to Central America, arrived in Madrid yesterday just after the arrival of President Belisario Betancur of Colombia and at the same time as Señor Carlos Andrés Pérez, former President of Venezuela.

American embassy sources said that Mr Stone would be discussing the whole scope of US policies in Central America with Señor Fernando Morán, the Spanish Foreign Minister.

Yesterday Mr Stone met the recently appointed American Ambassador to Spain, Mr Thomas Enders, who used to be the United States Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs until he was dismissed amid reports that his proposals for Central America, including the possibility of Spain acting as an intermediary in the conflict, were far too soft.

The Colombian President will be presented with a prize today in recognition of his efforts to promote democracy and cooperation among Spanish-speaking nations. The ceremony, which is due to take place at Oviedo, a fishing town in north-east Spain.

Yesterday Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, held lengthy discussions on Central America with the Colombian President, and earlier in the week met Señor Ovidio Ortega, Panama's Foreign Minister, and Señor Guillermo Ungo, the leader of El Salvador's Revolutionary Democratic Front.

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# Kidnappers rebuffed by Madrid

Spain has rejected the possibility of negotiating with the Basque separatist organization ETA, officials said yesterday after ETA's kidnapping of an army captain in Bilbao on Wednesday.

Military sources say the army is not going to make any official statement on the kidnapping but officers consider that no negotiations with ETA are "legal even when life is at stake".

The political-military wing of ETA, which has never before kidnapped a member of the army, stated in a press communiqué on Thursday that the fate of Captain Alberto Martín would depend on the release of eight members of their organization and of one Catalan separatist.

The nine terrorists were imprisoned after they carried out an unusual joint operation attacking an army unit near Lerida in the Pyrenees in November 1980. All nine are due to appear soon at the first trial of terrorists by a military tribunal in Spain since democratic elections in 1977. The trial was due to begin on September 26 but it was postponed.

The kidnapping of Captain Martín coincides with reports that the prisoners had warned their organization that unless it took steps to secure their release they would seek solutions to their predicament on an individual basis.

# Italians take early lead in world bridge final

Italy took a slender lead against the Americans in the final of the Bermuda Bowl world contract bridge team championship here, through their earlier substantial lead has been eroded.

The final, which began in Thursday, will be decided today and comes as the climax of two weeks play. After 78 boards of a scheduled 176, the Italians led 184-173. Scores are compared at the 16-deal intervals. The scores registered by the start of play yesterday were: 16 boards, Italy 94-83; 48 boards, Italy 129-118; 64 boards, Italy 155-146 - though from time to time during the session the lead did turn to the Americans.

Before play began most observers expected the Americans to win, but the Italians raised the level of their game markedly, hoping to regain the title they last held in 1975, at the end of two decades of world dominance. Before this year Italy and the United States have met 18 times in the final with the score standing at 13-5 in favour of Italy. In the play-off for third place, France, the reigning Olympic champions, beat the American second team 133-101.

# Britain may ask US to garrison Belize

Britain is anxious to see talks reopened between Belize and Guatemala, with a view to settling once and for all Guatemala's claim to its tiny neighbour.

Whitehall is also understood to be exploring the possibility of replacing the Belize garrison with troops from elsewhere, including the US.

Mrs Thatcher made clear to President Reagan in Washington a week ago that the independence of Belize, formerly British Honduras, could not continue indefinitely to rely on the 1,800-strong British force.

One reason is that Britain does not want to run any risk of being drawn into the political turmoil in Central America. Another is that the troops and the four Harrier aircraft impose a strain on defence resources.

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# Hitachi and IBM settle secrets suit

San Francisco (AFP) Hitachi, the Japanese electronics company and the American firm, IBM have settled a civil damages suit over the alleged theft of IBM computer secrets by Hitachi employees.

The settlement, which included an unspecified payment by Hitachi to IBM for investigation and prosecution costs, was approved by United States District Court Judge Spencer Williams.

He said the IBM suit had not sought specific damages, but noted IBM had spent millions of dollars developing computer technology known as central processing units which Hitachi allegedly stole.

Under the agreement charges are dismissed against 14 Hitachi employees, a Hitachi affiliate company, a Nissel Electronics of Japan, and a Nissel employee.

The settlement, negotiated by top executives of the two companies, also includes the dropping of unspecified charges Hitachi filed against IBM in Japan.

The Japanese firms were implicated by an FBI operation. An FBI agent opened a computer brokerage agency in San Jose, California, and spread the word he could obtain and sell confidential computer industry information.

Hitachi and two employees pleaded guilty on February 8 to conspiring to transport stolen property from the United States to Japan. Hitachi paid a \$10,000 (£6,600) fine, and the two employees were fined a total of \$14,000.

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# Indians claim Pakistan has given aid to extremists in Punjab

Senior Indian officials yesterday let it be known that the reason for the dismissal of the state government of Punjab and its replacement by direct presidential rule was because of the growing "international dimension" of the violence in the state.

As large numbers of paramilitary police reinforcements from the Border Security Force and the Central Reserve Police were drafted into the state to try to control the increased violence from Sikh extremists Government officials blamed Pakistan for training, equipping and financing extremist groups.

"The numbers are very small," a central Government source said, "but we have received information just recently of Pakistani assistance being given."

"Arms are being supplied, and money, and a few individuals are in this country helping to organize. We have evidence that training is being given outside the country, too."

Mrs Gandhi's Government has often been quick to blame "a foreign hand" for many of India's troubles, but this is the first time that officials have spoken of real evidence of

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Pakistani involvement. Ironically, Pakistan's martial law regime often blames foreign interference, and by implication India, for the troubles in Sind province.

Senior Government figures have been quick to praise the efforts of Mr. Darshan Singh, the Chief Minister of Punjab, for his efforts to control the growing agitation, but they claim that because of the evidence of Pakistani involvement it became more appropriate to use the full resources of the central Government "to save the national security and integrity of the country."

Making a clean sweep of the state administration, the Government, Mr. A. P. Sharma, is also to be replaced. It is expected that he will become Governor of West Bengal with the Governor there Mr. B. D. Pande taking over in Punjab.

The increased tempo of violence in what is India's most richly endowed state, climaxed on Wednesday with the killing of six Hindus. They were taken off a night bus heading for Delhi, apparently at random lined up by the side of the road and shot.

The Sikh agitation has been

continuing for more than 18 months and has three main sets of demands. The first consists of religious freedoms, for various sectarian freedoms and for the imposition of central Sikh control of temples nationally, which have largely been conceded by the Government, though many have not yet been implemented.

The second demand is that Chandigarh, the state capital, currently shared with Haryana, a Hindu state that was carved out of Greater Punjab state as a result of a previous Sikh agitation, should be given to Punjab alone. The Government agrees but says Haryana must be compensated by a transfer of some villages from Punjab.

The Sikh leaders say the question of the village transfer should be referred to a tribunal. The Government agrees but wants the whole question of the capital to go before a tribunal too. The Sikhs refuse.

A third demand is for a division of the irrigation waters from the rivers Ravi and Beas which gives more to Punjab. The Government says it cannot impose a settlement of this sort on Haryana but it would endorse any settlement agreed between the two states.



Christians released by the Druzes yesterday during an exchange of prisoners under policing by British troops.

## Druze agree to EEC observers in Chouf

From Robert Fisk Beirut

A tentative agreement by both Druze and Shia Muslim militia leaders in Beirut to permit European troops to observe the ceasefire in the Chouf mountains above the capital has contradicted Syria's desire to prevent European Nato countries, including Britain, from policing the two-week-old truce.

According to the Amal movement and the Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), EEC nations will be invited to send soldiers to act as

observers along the complex front lines separating Phalangists, Lebanese Army and Druze forces in the hills.

The 97-strong British contingent to the multinational force in Beirut has not been notified, either officially or unofficially, of any intention in Whitehall to participate in an observer force although one of the truce lines runs scarcely a mile from the Beirut headquarters in the Beirut suburb of Hadeth.

British troops, therefore, almost certainly would find themselves involved in any new truce arrangements. As an armoured reconnaissance

squadron, the British unit here might also be asked to report on the most suitable locations for truce observers.

Syria still wants troops from neutral states - unconnected with either Nato or the Warsaw Pact - to participate in an observer corps.

● DAMASCUS: President Hafiz al-Assad of Syria criticized the US yesterday for its Middle East role and paid tribute to the Soviet Union as a friend of the Arabs (Reuter reports).

Speaking at a graduation ceremony at Homs military college, he said: "We are against

you Americans and shall remain against you until you change your intransigent stance as we have decided to defend ourselves until victory." He accused the US of dishonouring its commitments to obligate Israeli forces to pull out of Lebanon.

● CAIRO: Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany flew to Egypt from Jordan yesterday for talks with President Hosni Mubarak as part of his Middle East tour (Reuter reports).

Earlier, leaving Amman, he pledged West German help in the search for peace in the Middle East.

## Quetta march turns into riot as unrest spreads

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

The protests against martial law in Pakistan, which have been largely confined to the southern province of Sind for the past seven weeks, flared up in the north-western province of Baluchistan yesterday. A gun battle in Quetta between several thousand demonstrators and police reportedly resulted in at least three deaths, two of them policemen.

Opposition sources in Quetta said that a protest march and meeting had been organized by the nine-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy and a Baluchi political group, the Pakthoon Khwa National Awami Party, to demonstrate their solidarity with the protests in Sind.

The procession of protesters was said to have been inter-

cepted by armed police when it emerged from the central mosque after the Friday congregation, and was joined by many more outside. The two sides soon clashed, with police using batons and later tear gas. As the crowd responded with sticks and stones.

As the crowd became more violent, police opened fire. The protesters took refuge in narrow lanes, sneaking out to shoot at the police. The opposition sources said that as well as those killed 10 other people received bullet wounds.

● Writers warned: General Zia, Pakistan's ruler, referring to left-wing writers and intellectuals, gave a warning that if they were not prepared to accept Islamic ideology, they should leave Pakistan

## Sleeping pill victims lose more than memory

From Diana Geddes Paris

A tourist is sitting alone in the Tuileries Gardens, enjoying the Indian summer sunshine and flowers. An attractive young woman approaches. "May I have a light?" she asks. She strikes up a conversation, about the Louvre photography. Paris. "Why don't we go for a coffee?" she suggests. A few hours later, the hapless tourist wakes up to find himself alone again on a bench, his wallet gone. He has been drugged.

Mime Laurence Elsaïr, aged 22, was yesterday charged with robbing some 20 men, after having been caught red-handed the day before in a cafe in the Tuileries as she was about to offer her latest victim a coffee. She had been slipping a sleeping pill. She had been under surveillance for the previous three weeks.

Mime Elsaïr told the police that she had been initiated to this "easy and simple" method by a friend. She had been told that her victims would not be able to remember enough about the incident to describe her to the police. That mistake had led to her arrest.

Her accomplice and friend, M. Laurent Dessey, a cook aged 32, was also arrested and charged with theft.

One man, who actually found himself in the shallow circular pond in the Tuileries Gardens, could remember nothing of how he had got there, but was still able to give police a fairly accurate description of the woman.

The case appears to be one of many over the past few months, all involving the use of commonly-prescribed sleeping pills and tranquillisers belonging to the benzodiazepine family, which are indeed known to produce a temporary loss of memory.

The Government has become so concerned that it has recently set up an inquiry into the misuse of the drugs, and is appealing to other European Governments for their co-operation. Professor Georges Lagier, specialist adviser to the government committee on the abuse of medicines, said that they had detected three main types of cases:

Those involving young women, usually at private parties who wake up to find themselves naked, sometimes in a hotel room or some other strange place, aware that they have been sexually assaulted but with no precise memory of what has happened;

Those involving single men in night clubs or bars who "come to" the next morning to find that they have signed several cheques, for sometimes quite significant sums.

And those involving the elderly in their homes who receive an unexpected visit from men claiming to come from the local council or gas board whom they invite to have a cup of coffee, only to wake up a few hours later to find all their valuables gone.

M. Lagier admitted that any publicity might induce others to try the same thing. But he also hoped that it might make potential victims more aware of the dangers.

## Barbie in human rights plea

From Our Own Correspondent Paris

Maitre Jacques Vergès, Klaus Barbie's lawyer, announced yesterday that he is to appeal to the European Commission on Human Rights against the refusal of the French legal authorities to release the former Nazi officer on bail while awaiting trial on charges of crimes against humanity.

Herr Barbie, alias Klaus Altmann, who will be 70 next week, has been held in prison in Lyons since he arrived in France on February 5, after being expelled from Bolivia where he had been living incognito since 1950. He was flown straight from La Paz to the French overseas Département of French Guyana, where he was arrested by French officials.

Maitre Vergès has argued that his client is being illegally detained on the ground that his original expulsion from Bolivia was nothing more than an "extradition in disguise". No extradition treaty existed between France and Bolivia. He should never have been handed over against his wishes to the French authorities without extradition proceedings having been taken.

In a ruling on Thursday, confirming an earlier ruling by a lower court, the French Supreme Court of appeal rejected the request for his immediate release, arguing that the conditions of his arrest were in full conformity with the law.

Furthermore, the court said, under principles endorsed by the United Nations after the Nuremberg trials, "all measures should be taken by member-states of the UN to repress war crimes and crimes against peace or against humanity so that anyone suspected of being responsible of such a crime be sent back to those countries where their crimes were perpetrated in order that they might be tried and punished in conformity with the laws of those countries".

Herr Barbie is alleged to be responsible for the death of 4,000 people in Lyons between 1942 and 1944, including that of Jean Moulin, the French Resistance leader, and for the deportation to German extermination camps of a further 7,500

## Malaysian reforms challenged

From M. G. G. Pillai Kuala Lumpur

A young doctor was expelled from the ruling party in Malaysia 14 years ago for criticizing Tunku Abdul Rahman, the Prime Minister at the time; but it also propelled him into the political limelight - and today, Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad is Prime Minister.

History repeated itself with Datuk Seri Mahathier on the receiving end. A letter was sent to him, challenging his position in a confrontation between his administration and the King over constitutional amendments which the Malaysian Parliament passed last August.

In a typically rambling style which Malays prefer when writing to someone in authority, Datuk Sena Abdul Rahman, a former minister and secretary-general of Datuk Seri Mahathier's party, UMNO, quoted a Malay proverb: "A touch of vanilla will discolor a whole pot of milk," meaning that the amendments could upset political stability and undermine the position of the dominant Malay community and the rulers.

This first public opposition from within the Prime Minister's own ranks reflects a bruising conflict. The press stayed out of it and official reaction has been muted but the issue does put pressure on the administration.

Constitutionally, Datuk Seri Mahathier is reported to have a weak case. The nine rulers and the king they elect among themselves every five years must agree to any constitutional changes. They were not consulted.

Those close to the Prime Minister say that the King, once crowned, is reported to have eventually signed the Bill but others are not so sure.

It would appear the constitutional amendments were untimely but political sources said they were passed to restrain the independent-minded sultans of Perak and Johore, who could be the next two kings, with the first taking office in April when the present incumbent returns to Pahang as Sultan.

The constitutional amendments remove the King's right to veto legislation and declare an emergency.

## British oil refused to Israel

By a Special Correspondent

Britain's oil should be sold to countries that are either in the European Economic Community or members of the International Energy Agency, the 21-member club of oil consuming nations established in 1973 in response to the first Opec oil price crisis.

A spokesman for the Department of Energy in London confirmed yesterday that Israel did not fall into the category of favoured customers, although he emphasized that the guidelines were voluntary rather than statutory.

Mr Modai claimed that Mr James Callaghan, the former Labour Prime Minister, had agreed in the last months of his Government to a deal that would have provided Israel with one million tonnes of oil a year once Britain had reached self-sufficiency in oil.

The department spokesman said that he was unable to comment on commitments that might have been made by previous administrations, but pointed out that any such deal appeared to conflict with the guidelines the Labour Government itself had laid down. Britain has been self-sufficient in oil for more than two years.

At the moment Israel obtains 40 per cent of its oil from Mexico, 25 per cent from Egypt, and the balance from purchases on the "spot market". Because of the Arab oil boycott and political pressures, it has always had great difficulty in obtaining secure long-term contracts for supplies.

Israeli diplomats are said to be disappointed by the British Government's latest refusal to make North Sea oil available, after some small but positive indications of a softening of Britain's attitude towards Israel.

## British oil refused to Israel

A new attempt by Israel to buy supplies of North Sea crude oil from Britain has been rebuffed by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy.

Mr Walker told Mr Yitzhak Modai, his Israeli counterpart, at a meeting earlier this week that Britain would not be altering its long-standing policy on oil exports to accommodate Israel's desire to establish new and more secure supplies of oil.

The Israelis have been hoping that their recent success in obtaining oil from Norway, the other leading North Sea producer, might prompt a similar gesture from Britain.

But Mr Walker made clear that Britain would be sticking to the oil export guidelines laid down by the former Labour Government in January, 1979.

These say that, unless there is an established pattern of trade in oil with another country,

## China angry over stand by Cradock

By Henry Stanhope Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain is insisting in its talks with China on retaining a British presence in Hongkong after 1997 when China wants to take the colony over.

The stand adopted by Sir Percy Cradock, Britain's Ambassador to Peking, during last month's round of negotiations, is thought to lie behind the present series of attacks by Chinese leaders.

The latest which came in yesterday's *People's Daily*, said that only a "small minority" of Hongkong's more privileged Chinese community really wanted the British to remain.

The article might have been also timed to coincide with yesterday's meeting in Downing Street between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and all 11 unofficial members of Hongkong's executive council - in effect the territory's Cabinet.

The meeting which was also attended by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Richard Luce, Foreign Office minister with responsibility for the colony, Sir Percy Cradock and Sir Edward Youde, the Governor of Hongkong, was said to have taken place in a "warm and constructive atmosphere."

The ministers, according to an official Downing Street statement, reaffirmed the Government's commitment to secure a settlement acceptable to Parliament, to China and the people of Hongkong.

In spite of their public utterances, desiring the existing Anglo-Chinese treaties as "unjust" and insisting upon the "radical arguments" involved, the Chinese negotiators seem much more concerned, once they sit down to talks, with the practical problems of maintaining the territory's prosperity and stability.

Yet ironically the public statements in Peking about China's sovereignty and the need for a solution by the end of next year are having exactly the reverse effect.

● HONGKONG: Share price-climber higher yesterday in moderate trading, largely on bargain hunting and short-covering (AP-Dow Jones reports). The Hang Seng Index rose most of the session to finish up 33.13 at 734.05. Chinese turnover was SHK143.89m, up from Thursday's SHK114.16m.

## Pretoria 'told me to kill whites'

From Stephen Taylor Harare

A captured Zimbabwean rebel told a press conference here yesterday that he had undergone training in South Africa where he was told to seek out and kill white farmers in the strife-torn western province of Matabeleland.

Speaking through an interpreter, the 16-year-old guerrilla, who said he was at school until leaving Zimbabwe to take up arms against Mr Robert Mugabe's Government, said he was told by a South African instructor that farmers were to be murdered "because they feed Mugabe's dogs".

Watson Sibanda and another guerrilla identified as Spar Mapule, aged 18, were produced in handcuffs and khaki overalls by Mr Emmerson Mungangwa, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office.

Both said they had been part of an eight-man guerrilla group which had been instructed to cause the greatest possible devastation in Matabeleland. They had killed eight people, including a farmer, destroyed property and been involved in a number of contacts with the security forces.

Mr Mungangwa said the group had undergone four months' training in South Africa.

## Japan pledges to open its markets

Tokyo (Reuter) - Japan yesterday affirmed its intention to seek a wider political role in international affairs and to work towards opening up its markets to foreign goods.

The pledge was contained in a 668-page report issued by the Foreign Ministry and approved by the Cabinet.

The report, an annual publication, emphasized Japan's strong ties with the United

States, its basic position as a "member of the West", and its strong roots in the Asia-Pacific region.

The rise of Japan's international position should lead to "broadening its scope of international contribution, until now centred upon economic matters, to cover more international political aspects so that Japan can contribute in a way

commensurate with its position and abilities".

It was also important in the economic sphere that "we be internationally responsible in further opening our markets and promoting the enhancement of economic cooperation".

The report noted that Japanese-Soviet relations remained "regrettably difficult",

## Swiss upset by French bank spies

From Alan McGregor Geneva

The Swiss authorities are considering whether to take action under the economic espionage provisions of the penal code following the disclosure - initially by the French magazine *Le Canard Enchaîné* - that the names of French residents contravening their country's laws by having secret bank accounts here have been communicated to the French fiscal police.

Two employees of the Lausanne data centre of the Union Bank of Switzerland were arrested in May, it has now been revealed, and later released.

While figures of up to 5,000 names has been mentioned, the bank says categorically that the employees concerned were not working with computers.

According to Paris reports, 269 people out of 300 so far questioned by French investigators have "spontaneously admitted" having undeclared bank accounts in Switzerland totalling 175m French francs (£14.5m).

## Life jail for Brinks case murderers

Goshen (N.Y. Times) - Three radicals convicted of murder in the \$1.6m (about £1m) Brinks armoured car robbery were each sentenced yesterday to three consecutive terms of 25 years to life in prison.

Judge David Ritter, of Orange County Court, described the crime of the three - David Gilbert, Judith Clark and Kuwasi Balagoon - as cold, calculated and deliberate. He wanted them imprisoned for as long as the law allowed.

Two police officers and a Brinks guard were shot dead in the robbery in Rockland County, New York state, in October 1981.

Before being sentenced, the defendants denounced the US as imperialist and predicted revolution.

On each defendant Mr Ritter imposed the 25-year maximum for each count and ordered them to be served consecutively. Parole would not be considered until each prisoner had served 75 years, the judge said. The three were convicted last month.

## Publisher joins Golding row

By Our Foreign Staff

William Golding's publishers have dismissed as preposterous a claim that the Nobel Prize winner was "a little English phenomenon of no special interest".

A Swedish Academy member, Mr Arthur Lundkvist, was quoted as making the remark after the award of the 1983 literature prize on Thursday, in an unprecedented break with protocol.

Mr Matthew Evans, chairman of Faber and Faber, said: "I'm not at all worried about the accusations of a 78-year-old Swede. The guy is an idiot. It is preposterous for the man to say Mr Golding is of little interest outside Britain."

He said Mr Golding's most famous novel, *Lord of the Flies*, had sold 4.5 million copies, 3.5 million outside Britain.

Mr Lundkvist's remarks were

## Leaders of Niger coup bid named

Niamey (AFP) - President Seyni Kountché named five men as responsible for the failed coup on Thursday. They were Lieutenant Amadou Ousmane, the President's special security adviser; Lieutenant Idrissa Amadou, head of the Presidential Guard; Commander Amadou Sedou, in command of an army battalion in Niamey; Mr Mahaman Sidikou, head of the Prime Minister's office, and a police officer named only as Lieutenant Sidikou.

Officers in various units and security services and civilians with close government ties were arrested in the capital, and security was increased around the presidency and army headquarters.

## Change of mind on Korean jet

New York (Reuter) - US intelligence experts have found no sign that Soviet air defence personnel knew the South Korean jumbo jet was a commercial plane before a Soviet fighter shot it down five weeks ago, according to *The New York Times*.

Most specialists now believe that the SU15 fighter which fired rockets at the Boeing 747 was below and behind rather than parallel to it as senior Administration officials originally believed.

## Turkey ban

Ankara (AP) - A law went into force in Turkey forbidding teachers, high school students, civil servants and soldiers from forming associations. It also banned associations advocating Marxism, differences in race, culture and religion and prevented professional and other associations from affiliating with political parties.

## Schmidt dinner

Herr Helmut Schmidt, who dined in London last night with members of the executive of the Labour Committee for Transatlantic Understanding, to discuss the future of social democracy within the Western alliance.

## Hike hitch

Heimstedt (AP) - A 17-year-old East German apprentice heading for Magdeburg in East Germany stayed away in an articulated ferry on the Elbin autobahn, fell asleep and awoke to find himself in West Germany. Police said he would be returned if his parents requested it.

## Swim scruples

Brisbane (Reuter) - Angela Russell, aged 16, Commonwealth 100 metres freestyle swimming silver medalist, has withdrawn from a tour of Canada next month for religious reasons, because the trip is being sponsored by a brewery.

## Hands on

Mexico City (Reuter) - Senior Epifanio Chavez, aged 56, had both his hands sewn back on at Lomas Verdes hospital here. Doctors claim this is the first time this operation has been performed.

## Naples scandal

Naples (Reuter) - Magistrates ordered the arrest of a Naples city councillor and two town planning department officials on embezzlement charges, throwing into disarray the city's Communist-led administration.

## Flood toll rises

Delhi (AP) - The death toll in floods caused by torrential rain in the south-eastern state of Andhra Pradesh increased to 48 with the discovery of 20 more bodies.

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THE ARTS

Gerard Schwarz talks about his British conducting debut tonight

A balance of talent and efficiency



Schwarz leadership

Conducting Bach's B minor Mass at the end of the Leeds Festival is a surprisingly quiet official British debut...

The desire for success, and the refusal to make do with anything less, is absolutely characteristic of Schwarz...

Why did it have such a terrible reputation among the world's big orchestras, I wondered...

Six years ago, at the end of his fourth season in the Philharmonic, Schwarz decided to make the break...

their audiences, the challenge is to make all those things work together to produce great music-making.

And did it make things easier or more difficult in the cut-throat world of American orchestras to have been a player? "Well, the problem is that they are what you once were. There's bound to be a bit of resentment...

"It was pretty tough, taking over from someone as popular as Neville. And surely difficult, too, to change his way of making the orchestra play?"

Does he find chamber orchestra conducting especially satisfying? "It was an accident that I've done so much, but yet, you can get a particular character that's difficult to achieve with a guest engagement with a big orchestra...

Schwarz's work has in the last few seasons exploded all over America: he is Music Advisor to the Seattle Symphony and one of the "Anacostia" Symphony's three regular conductors...

How does he do it all? "By being well-organized. Is he a workaholic? "Yes. In the nice way, of course. Is he now hoping to work more in Europe? "Well, I'm more than happy doing all I'm doing and making an exclusively American career as I have up to now...

Nicholas Kenyon

E.T. magic of a rewarding revival

Robinson Crusoe Orchard, Dartford

Will Offenbach be remembered for his contribution to music, carefully written and rich in ideas though it is. Rather it is as a critic of music (particularly opera) and life, that he excels...

Slack has set the work, which has little to do with Defoe, in Edwardian times, giving him the chance to make all the more vivid the grotesque middle-class normality of the Crusoe family in Bristol before Robinson's voyage...

But the hallmark of Kent Opera is teamwork, and Roger Norrington directs with an enthusiasm that is felt as much in the pit as on the stage...

Stephen Pettitt

Opera



Neil Jenkins as Crusoe, Vivian Tierney as Edwige

Orfeo Coliseum

Just occasionally an operatic production hits you in the face, seizes you by the throat and shakes you violently, leaving you not knowing quite where to turn for words 10 minutes afterwards to explain the experience...

I had not expected to enjoy a translation of Monteverdi's specifically seventeenth-century retelling of the ancient legend - an opera which so precisely proclaims its origins as a courtly entertainment on a tiny scale -

he loses Euridice; the immense human effort with which Orfeo and the Apollo/Shepherd (Nigel Robson) raise the banner of the sun at the close.

Musically, one might say that Peter Robinson's direction is too smooth and rounded, but that would do scant justice to his unobtrusively musical guiding of the alert continuo players who are raised and visible in the pit.

Despite some miscalculations, many ideas work: the aching gradualness with which the villagers are drawn towards the Messenger's ill tidings, Orfeo's healing touch on the spirits which is all undone when

Nicholas Kenyon

Pop

Dream without end

Richard Clayderman Albert Hall

Twenty nine years old but still looking like a piece of blond-haired, blue-eyed jai-lait, Richard Clayderman could sell soap powder or margarine or breakfast television weather forecasts. Let us not pretend, however, that he is selling music via the television advertisements which have moved tens of millions to register their credit card numbers by telephone in exchange for one of his recordings...

Be gentle with me, Richard Clayderman says in this dream he sells, and I will take you to a place where the world throbs with suppressed passion, where pain is sweet as well as bitter, where the prevailing images are of a young woman walking a dog on a winter beach, of a tear-stained face gazing through a leaded window pane, of ground mist blanketing the towers of a chateau. Just be gentle with me. This is Leclouville, rendered into a never-ending afternoon soap opera, and it cannot miss.

In his programme note, Clayderman claims that he does not owe his success to the remarkable marketing campaign which launched him at the public. He is being disingenuous: he must know that any pretty young male pianist could have fitted as successfully into the plan devised by his mentors, Olivier Toussaint and Paul de Sonneville.

Accompanied by a six-man French rhythm section and a 17-piece British string section, Clayderman tinkled wistfully through a selection of classical themes and pop tunes containing so little variety or vitality that the performance seemed to last for days. "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina" revisited the bathos of "The Dream of Owen"; rarely can Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story melodies have sounded as listless; his arrangement of such a piece as "Rhapsody in Blue" suffocated in its genteel pretensions, lacking even the redeeming comic vulgarity of Eumir Deodato's "Also Sprach Zarathustra" and B. Bumble and the Stingers' "Nut Rocker". He is to piano playing as David Soul is to acting; he makes Jacques Loussier sound like Bach; he reminds us how cheap potent music can be.

Richard Williams

Television

Terms such as "heroic surgery" and "commando procedure" will already be familiar to those who began the long trek on Thursday night with G. F. Newman's The Nation's Health on Channel 4. This series of four, 90-minute films dramatizes situations which we will all hope could never happen to us but which Mr Newman, who is not agreeably disposed to the present state of our medical care, thinks not only could happen but do.

Discussions on each programme's implications follow and last night saw the first, chaired, without undue brusqueness and with an admirable sense of direction, by Joan Shepton.

The first play centred on a cancer case, the second on which involved massive surgery, that commando procedure in fact. Miss Shepton was talking about it to doctors,

exploring other treatments and the underlying question of whether modern medical technology is tending to leave a feeling for healing behind.

The BBC has already run a series on alternative treatment for cancer, featuring the Bristol Cancer Help Centre and Dr John Cosh, who has been associated with it and who has now opened a similar centre in Cheltenham, was on parade. He had the company of a consultant radiotherapist, a clinical pharmacologist, a doctor who is heading a centre for alternative therapies, and a Maurice Burke, a researcher, who had cancer six years ago, eschewed the prescribed treatment and pronounced himself cured mainly because of massive doses of Vitamin C.

Mr Burke, who looked well, obviously had a kind of edge in such a discussion. He said that his researches indicated that no

real progress had been made by orthodox medicine in the percentage of cures over the last 35 years. This was rebutted by the radiotherapy consultant, Dr Elizabeth Whippis, who said it was too simplistic a conclusion in view of the complexity of the types of cancer.

It was a complex discussion, too, and because it concerned cancer, from which one in three of us will suffer in one form or another in our lifetime, it made one feel increasingly vulnerable as it continued and wonder, should this vulnerability be tested, which way one would turn.

Orthodox medicine and the almighty doctor seem to be taking such a pounding on all sides. Maybe illumination will come in subsequent programmes - should we not succumb to undue stress?

Dennis Hackett

WEEKEND CHOICE

"I'll give you a fiver if you get more than five laughs" says one National Theatre player to another as they prepare to face the thousands who have flocked to Epidaurus for the gala first night of Peter Hall's production of The Oresteia. No money changes hands. That much you will gather as you watch the NT's staging of the Aeschylus trilogy, not in Greece but on the Olivier stage, that eats up four-and-a-half hours of Channel 4 time tomorrow night (starts at 7.15, with video interludes, suitably carpentered to suit this stupendous classical occasion, at 9.05 and 10.15). The light-hearted exchange I have quoted comes in tonight's scene-setting documentary The Oresteia at Epidaurus (Channel 4, 8.00 pm), an appetiser that, if you like it, as I did (tremendously), will ensure that you will cancel all other arrangements and put on your best bib and tucker for

the main course tomorrow night. War and peace are the black and white phases of international relations. To the Camp and Back (tomorrow, ITV, 10.00 pm), by Frances King, deals sensitively with the phase that is too often forgotten, the grey one. In a wintry England of 1946, a German-hating undergraduate (Phoebe Nicholls) briefly suspends her hatred in favour of a relationship with a German POW (Jan Niklas). She is passionate, he is high-principled. The outcome is predictable but wholly believable.

BBC Television's weekend plum is undoubtedly Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's production of Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro (tonight, BBC 2, 8.10), with the Prey/Fischer-Dieskau/Freni/Te Kanawa lineup on stage, and Bohm and the Vienna Philharmonic in the pit.

Peter Davalle

Radio Topical sense

The makers of File on 4 (Radio 4, Tuesdays, repeating Wednesdays) must be rather like Dr Johnson's man due to be hanged in a fortnight. With the end of each edition rarely more than half an hour away, it plainly concentrates the mind wonderfully. The new series that began three weeks ago has demonstrated this admirable quality and several others, too: the opening edition took a look at events in Lebanon as seen from the United States and it rapidly conveyed to us how ill the Americans, Administration and public, understand what they are involved in.

A week later Stuart Simon was in Israel, examining the situation as it appears there. We learnt how the chaos in the north has shifted attention from the West Bank where, in pursuance of a very questionable right, the Israelis are increasing and consolidating their settlements, thus almost certainly preparing new disasters for the future. Here admittedly the usual 30 minutes had been expanded to 40, but with no loss of density. Between them, these two programmes spoke of a keen and rather original sense of topicality and of a capacity to respond instantly to changing situations, which are both also characteristic of File on 4. Last week the series played another of its regular trumps by moving into a field generally much neglected: in this case the provision of psychiatric care and current plans to take mental patients in large numbers out of the vast hospitals and into the community. In its short span, Roger Finnigan's excellent report achieved what others have missed by a mile in twice the time. It told us quickly but graphically what it is like to be mentally ill and what it is like to have a severe psychiatric case in the family.

What is to be done? Hospitals, said one advocate of community care, are not therapeutic. Quite right, but what truly is? As Finnigan made clear, to run down the hospitals will simply mean returning to their families relatives whom illness has turned into strangers and who will rapidly induce in those who have to cope with them desperation without remedy.

This was the week in which Radio 1 carried out its declared

intention to remove from the schedules its four weekly 7 pm speech programmes (Playform 2, Frontline, Mailbag, Talkshow), substituting another hour of David Jensen and music. Why has it done this? Because, according to its Controller, Derek Chinnery, of a sizeable drop in audience as soon as the music stopped and the speech (albeit interspersed with music) began. But how big was the drop? I was quoted half a million plus - from more than 750,000 to 250,000 - which is certainly dramatic, but was also a "worst case": generally the fall was less.

The intention is, after a glut of extra music for some weeks, to introduce seven or eight-minute speech items on current topics during the Jensen sequence. This, says Chinnery, is the form in which he and his colleagues now feel it appropriate to attempt to communicate useful information to their listeners.

In effect, Radio 1's problem is much the same as that which worries parts of School Radio: a large proportion of the audience wants continuous music and has decided that speech on anything outside its own immediate interests, and especially if delivered by adults, is dead boring. So what about the interests of that quarter-million who stayed tuned?

Possibly there will be some return to extended speech programmes for limited periods and/or where a subject simply can't be done in small music-coated chunks. But I must say, if I were one of that quarter-million, I might wonder why my range of interest had to be sacrificed so thoroughly to an audience which, whatever easy option you offer it, may not want to take in anything at all.

Of course I might also try tuning to Radio 4, though if I did I hope I would not hear too many programmes as dismal as Eighty-four, Forty-eight, Eighty-three (October 4). After this and Walter Cronkite's exhibition on the telly, please can we declare a moratorium on all further comparisons of Orwell's 1984 with the state of the world as the dread year approaches? It is plain that nobody has much to say about it.

David Wade

Concert Teasing salute

SCO/Harper Edinburgh University

To celebrate its four hundredth anniversary, Edinburgh University has commissioned a work from Peter Maxwell Davies: his half-hour Sinfonietta Accademica was premiered on Thursday night in the Reid Concert Hall by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra conducted by Edward Harper.

Davies cannot resist celebrating Orkney again, too: inspired by the church, graveyard and farm barn of Hoy, the first movement is introduced by a shrill burn dance, then moves out into the night; the second is a land and seascape; the finale returns to the church and out again to the sea.

These are the composers own signposts, the machinery that sets it all going is equally familiar: two plain chants counterpointed against snatches of archaic and Victorian music making, transforming tossed, caught and dancing exquisitely and invisibly through "magic square" patterns. It makes a satisfying intellectual emblem

of a community's cycle of life and death, and its salute to Academe is redoubled in the sense that the first movement's recapitulation is disguised as development; the second movement develops the first and the finale is a modified recapitulation.

Stretching the individual and corporate resources of the chamber orchestra to cracking point, the work is fiercely concentrated, both structurally and emotionally; even at its slowest, this is soft music, tense with raw nerve endings. It was a pity that we had to hear it with our ears already battered by an hour's loud and not over-sensitive music making.

From its stealthy opening, through its central Bartokian night-music to the shrieking trumpet-flared Walpurgisnacht of the finale, it is what Berlioz would call a caprice written with the point of a needle: indeed, its opening was dodged after two minutes and had to be restitched. There is nothing very new, but neither is this a mere abstract of the Maxwell Davies thesis: the work offers no easy seduction.

Hilary Finch

Advertisement for David Robinson on Zelig, featuring the text 'Simply perfect' and listing TV channels and times.

Large advertisement for 'THE ORESTEIA' production, featuring a black and white image of actors in masks and the text 'IF YOU MISSED IT IN 458BC, CATCH IT THIS SUNDAY ON CHANNEL 4'.

# THE TIMES DIARY

## Special delivery

Several severe cases of "parapet head" were reported at the Department of Industry and Trade, home base of the unfortunate father-to-be Cecil Parkinson, yesterday. Staff there responsible for the publication of *British Business*, the department's weekly digest of export and industrial news, were ducking all day, following the delivery of this week's offending issue.

On the front cover is a glorious colour photograph of a stork, clutching a bundle of something indecipherable in its beak. Parkinson, who is attempting to brave the scandal of his incontinent fatherhood, maintained a stiff upper lip on seeing it, according to David Woods, his personal press officer.

But the rest of the staff, none of whom knew about the affair earlier this week, when the front cover for an analysis of the infant years of British business was designed, were muttering about the "old sod's law of journalism".

## Castle siege

The arduous task of writing her diaries accomplished, Mrs Barbara Castle faces a stiff test in holding on to the Euro-seat whence she has launched her anti-EEC invective since 1979.

Now it seems likely that the European Parliament election next June will be fought on new boundaries, the veteran leader of the Labour delegation to the Strasbourg assembly will have to face re-election in a much-changed constituency.

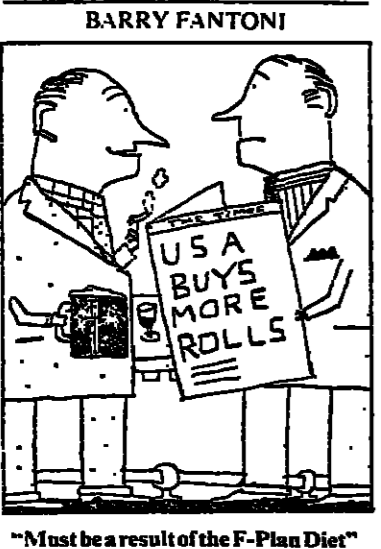
This takes in Bolton on the western side of her present Greater Manchester North constituency.

Although Mrs Castle, 73 earlier this week, has already won the backing of all the Labour wards in the existing constituency, Mrs Ann Taylor, 36 years her junior and former Labour MP for Bolton, West, is courting the parties in the areas to be tackled on.

According to local observers Mrs Taylor is making good headway and in the re-selection process may do well in some wards of the old constituency where Mrs Castle has until now had solid support.

## Nott out

Times are hard, it seems, for Sir John Nott, the former Defence Secretary. He was seen scurrying from his local Indian restaurant in Chelsea this week, clutching a brown paper bag filled with assorted curries and (Argie?) bhajee. Is he a regular customer? My spy asked the manager. "Only take away," replied the man with a sad smile and a rich tandoori accent. "He's very tight."



"Must be a result of the F-Plan Diet"

## Pizza history

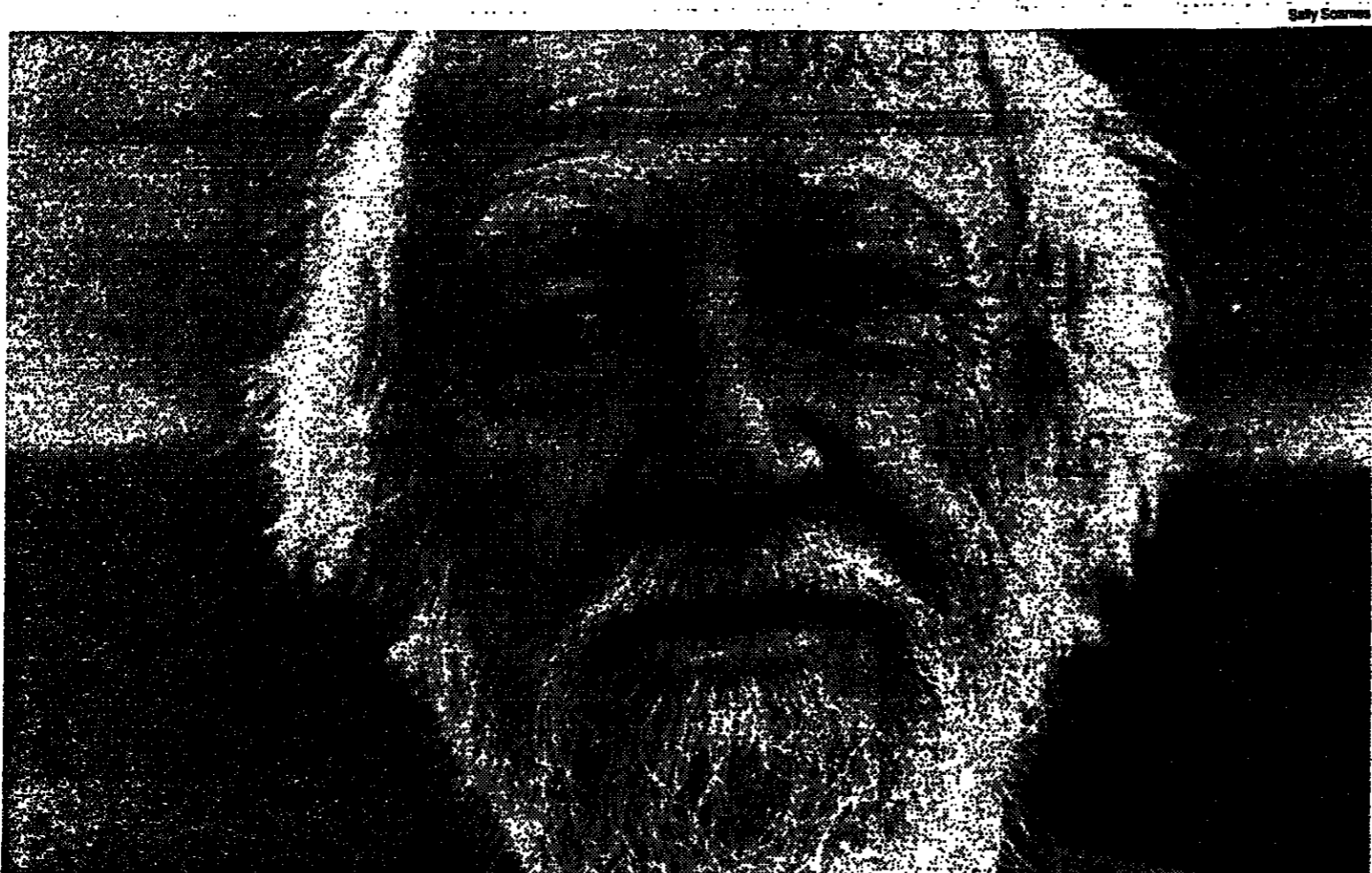
The modernizing of the services of the Roman Catholic Church appears to have been going on for longer than previously assumed. Recently a Cheshire auctioneer offered a watercolour of *The Pizza Corpus Domini*, Turin, dated 1875, by the English artist William Callow.

The talented but difficult Geoffrey Boycott has received his first offer of employment since *Yorkshire County Cricket Club* decided to dispense with his services. It is to open the batting next year for the *Poets and Peasants Club*, a charitable club, promises Boycott a testimonial.

## Finnishing touch

Daley Thompson, wonderboy of British athletics, has got back his favourite pair of running shoes which he threw into a stand of spectators in August after winning the decathlon gold medal at the Helsinki World Championships. The high-spirited Thompson, who appealed for their return from the Finnish public, received them in two parcels from different admirers. In them he had also won his Olympic gold medal, European and Commonwealth championships, and had twice set world records.

Another outbreak of moles, I'm afraid, at BL - this time at the car giant's training centre at Haseley Manor, near Warwick, the large mansion outside which new models are photographed. Worried senior executives are seeking outside agents to help in their latest pump. Today's leak reaches me from a less senior executive who, while attending a particularly tedious training course, was annoyed to find the beautifully class-cropped lawn sabotaged by various hill-building members of the small burrowing insectivore family.



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For a quarter of a century now the person you see before you has undergone a process of literary mummification. He is not entirely a human being; he is a set book. Of course that is a great personal benefit but not without its drawbacks. The creature lives and breathes like some horrible Boris Karloff figure inside his mummy wrappings which year by year are tightened. A statue, an image stands in his place. To some extent we are all victims of a similar fate. The teacher may create his own image for the purposes of discipline and find himself unable to creep out of it. In the end, he may consent and become the image, at last the parody of a schoolmaster, don, lecturer. Indeed, people live by their image sometimes and cherish it. The actor, the politician - since our global television suburb is not so much bookish as imagist - must think first of an action. "How will it affect my image?" Watch the box and you can see it happen. Constrained by the necessities of his trade he will adjust either his action or his image so that another figure of fantasy mops and mows in the social space.

That space, our divided but communal awareness, is so full of the image, the real unreality or unreal reality, it is a wonder men can breathe. Perhaps we cannot. Perhaps it is our fate as human beings that none of us knows what it is to draw a handful of psychically unpolluted air, to look and to examine innocently the crowded impressions on every sense with which our individual selves cope, suffer and enjoy as the essence of being. My image as author of a set book goes near to solidifying my public self into a statue. The other day a little boy wrote to me and said, "It is a fine thing to be able to write to an author while he is alive. If you are still alive will you answer these questions?"

I am still alive. I am subject to rages. They are not always explosive. They are sometimes what in a splendid phrase the Americans call "a slow burn". They are rages of a particular quality and set against particular circumstances. From Aristotle onwards the glum intellect of man has succeeded in constructing bolts and bars, fetters, locks and chains. We have had great benefits from that same intellect but are having to pay for them.

We have spoken of images. Looking out... see with continuing astonishment the huge images, the phantasmata that condition our world. Generally these images and phantoms are connected to a single person, our demi-gods and our heroes. It was at a particular moment in the history of my own rages that I saw the western world conditioned by the images of Marx, Darwin and Freud, and the three most crushing bore of the western world. The simplistic popularization of their ideas has thrust our world into a mental straitjacket from which we can only escape by the most anarchic violence. These men were reductionist, and I believe - peering out from the middle between the bandages, saying not what I ought to think but what I find my centre thinking honestly because in spite of myself - I do indeed believe that at bottom the violence of the last 30 years and it may be the hyperviolence of the century has been less a revolt against the exploitation of man by man, less a sexual frustration, or an adventure in the footsteps of Oedipus, certainly less a process of natural selection operating in human society, than a revolt against reductionism, even when the revolutionary, or it may be the terrorist, does not know it.

One of the most bizarre and photogenic, or should I say filmic sights in the West is, or was, *Macey's Parade*. When I think of a procession truly emblematic of the twentieth century my memory turns to that parade but you can, I suppose, substitute some gross example of your own. The procession I saw had, towering above it, gas-filled figures of rubber or plastic. They were tethered to people walking in the procession. These gigantic objects came lurching, ducking, swaying down the main street, Mickey Mouse, Uncle Sam, Yogi Bear and a number of other folk heroes though I could not identify them. They were alive only in their grotesquerie, idiocy, their floundering, grinning, bobbing, swaying, reeling dominance of the whole scene so that they turned the scale of the people walking beneath them to that of ants. I remember one figure began to lose gas, its gross rotundity wrinkling. I remember how its attendant ants scurried round in a desperate attempt to rescue it from dissolution, tried to prop it, hold it up as they might have attempted to rescue a fading

# Marx, Darwin and Freud - three enemies of imagination

When William Golding was first asked why he thought he had been awarded this year's Nobel Prize for Literature - the first to an Englishman since Sir Winston Churchill - he cited his most recent work of non-fiction, *The Moving Target*. The following extract, a characteristically vigorous assault on twentieth-century intellectual values, is from an essay in this collection originally delivered to an audience in Hamburg in 1980.

reputation or a political system in which they had invested such belief as they had, but which plainly would not work.

Little by little that procession with its totemistic figures has become my metaphor for the professional life, the hurrah for X the hero, the low common denominator of belief. Down the main street of our communal awareness they come. They dwarf the human beings, dwarf the buildings. Here comes plastic Marx, bearded and belted with "works of the world united" across his vest. Darwin is inscribed with "natural selection". Freud stares with Jahnivistic belligerence from behind his own enormous member. Whether we are in the procession and holding one of the ropes that support our idol, whether we are among the crowd on the sidewalk, or whether we work in the offices that line the street we all know to one degree or another - are forced to know to one degree or another - that these simplistic representations of real people are what goes on and what counts. They, inept, misleading, farcical, are what condition our communal awareness.

It may seem to you that I am exempting myself from the anti-like creatures that watch or scurry in attendance on the three major figures. Believe me, I am not. At one time or another in my life I have walked in the procession, held a rope and felt the upward tug of the gas-filled balloon. It can be a happy and perhaps rewarding experience. I may be addressing many rope-holders. Let us agree I have been one and yet at no time could I succeed in convincing myself. For among the many rope-holders attendant on the three major figures I laboured under a singular disadvantage. I had assiduously read some of the writings of all three. It came to this at last, that I left the procession and went looking for my own belief.

Belief and creativity. Creativity and belief.

What is belief? Is the act of believing definable? Certainly we can agree that most people have a simple belief that as they walk on the surface of the earth their successive steps will meet a continuing solidity. Even a molecular chemist - I mean one who is interested in the proposition that the process of walking is one statistical complex meeting another, will not keep it in his awareness as he goes about his private rather than his professional business. It will be in his mind, he might say, but not in his awareness. The belief, then, is occasional, is accepted and put away.

What about a political belief? Persons whose daily life is one of comparative privilege - privilege of education, intelligence, position - people whose daily belief, if they can agree that most people have a simple belief that as they walk on above the hurly-burly of the street, will nevertheless consider which candidate, which system they should vote for every few years and begin to decide with quiet genuine feeling that they, for example, believe in democracy. The belief is taken down from the shelf as it were, dusted, used on the fourth or fifth year, used, then put back again.

What about religious belief? It may be that there are still people - I cannot vouch for this but suspect it to be true - who take down a belief every Sunday morning but have it tucked away again comfortably by half-past twelve. Now people will die for democracy and die for their belief in God. But please observe I am not talking about people who

This was my mind, not his, and I had a right to it. It was and is, surely, an impossible outcome of philosophy that Occam's razor should always shave so close there should be no reason allowed for phenomena other than the one that happens to be simplest.

We question free will, doubt it, dismiss it, experience it. We declare our own triviality on a small speck of dirt circling a small star at the rim of one of countless galaxies and ignore the heroic insolence of the declaration.

We have diminished the world of God and man in a universe ablaze with all the glories that contradict the diminution I have written.

Of man and God. We have come to it, have we not? I believe in God; and you may think to yourselves - here is a man who has left a procession and gone off by himself only to end with another gas-filled image he tows round with him at the end of a rope. You would be right of course. I suffer those varying levels or intensities of belief which are, it seems, the human condition. Despite the letters I still get from people who believe me to be still alive and who are deceived by the air of confident authority that seems to stand behind that first book, *Lord of the Flies*, nevertheless like everyone else I have had to rely on memories of moments, bet on what once seemed a certainty but may now be an outsider, remember in faith what I cannot recreate. Here is no sage to bring you a distilled wisdom. Here is an aging novelist, floundering in all the complexities of twentieth century living, all the muddle of part beliefs.

Those of you who are acquainted with anything I have written are likely to have read *Lord of the Flies*. I am not going to explicate the book for you. That has been done so often by others, has been subjected to Marxist, Freudian, neo-Freudian, Jungian, Catholic, Protestant, humanist, non-conformist analysis and opinion, has been buried with its author not just in a German reference book but under a pile of not always sweet-scented international criticism. There is nothing left to say. The book yields readily to explication, to instruction, to the trephining of the pupil's skull by the teacher and the insertion into the pupil's brain by the teacher of what the pupil ought to think about it. I would like the pupil or anyone else to enjoy the book if he can. For my own part I have always felt that a writer's books should be as different from each other as possible. Though I envy those writers who can go on writing the same book over and over again it is not something I can do myself. I do not see myself writing a book about a group of girls on an island.

Yes, I have moved on. Though in general terms I would still consent to the philosophical implications about the nature of man and his universe resented in the book, today, a generation later, I would qualify them as subtler and less defensible than I once thought. God works in a mysterious way, says the hymn; and so, it seems, does the devil - or since that word is unfashionable I had better be democratic and call him the leader of the opposition. Sometimes the two seem to work hand in hand. Sometimes neither is on call even if you call them louder. They are asleep or away hunting perhaps - perhaps hunting each other. Not to refine upon it, my mind is all at sea.

At times I have felt this to be found in most elementary Greek schoolbooks where you will find the exemplary sentence "Wonder is the beginning of wisdom." You cannot get straighter speaking than that, and in Greek too I lived for years, therefore, in the happy conviction that since I had the wonder in ample supply in time the wisdom would follow. But as the revolving years revolved moments of doubt in my mind have become more numerous. Is it possible? Is nothing sacred, not even a century ago, have become private events and the necessary public expression of grief, memory and celebration has been transferred to the memorial service.

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barrel organ outside in the piazza? Or that as we sat down the pew would collapse. How she would have loved it! Sometimes an address can go awry. At a service for Benedict Nicolson, Lord Clark, normally an impeccable eulogist, suddenly launched into an attack on the Bloomsbury Group.

Theatrical services tend to be memorable for everyone involved, including the congregation. Sir Lewis Casson's was memorable. It took place in Westminster Abbey, and I shall always remember the distant echoing voices of the choir singing of paradise, and the sight of Sybil Thorneike in the procession, all in white, smiling and happy like a bride on her wedding day.

Oliver Messel's service brought glimpses of the heroines of one's youth, Evelyn Laye and Dorothy Dickson. But it was notable for the finest memorial address I have ever heard by Dame Ninette de Valois, delivered - it seemed - extemporaneously. A wondrous epiphany he could never have wished for than her recollection of an ancient Russian who remarked on seeing his *Sleeping Beauty* in Leningrad, "Tchaikovsky and Petipa should have been alive to have seen this!"

Cecil Beaton's service, at which I was an usher, was rather flat by comparison. How irritated he would have been to see the pew filling up with so many people. I recall him categorizing as "ghastly". One of the drawbacks of the memorial service is that it is open house, which means perhaps that there is still something to be said for the funeral. If Beaton's memorial service misfired, his funeral was a triumph. It was extraordinary to walk up to the church with flowers laid on either side, including tributes from so many of his goddesses - Irene Worth, Garbo and, most typical of all, a floral wreath from the inimitable Lady Diana Cooper. In this instance I'm glad I went to both.

Fortunately the Church of England still offers its hospitality, its liturgy and hymns in memory of the agnostic or inactive believer. I never feel happy at those secular gatherings. Rare addresses, perhaps a reading or two, a piece of music and then straight onto the glass of plonk and the chatter. But then it never is comforting to have the vision of eternity removed.

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# Virgilio Levi Man of peace with steel in the soul

I remember when Lech Walesa was received in the Vatican early in 1981 with his wife and companions. It was an imposing reception of a kind that the Holy Father wanted for his fellow compatriots, who had given so good a practical interpretation of his teaching on human solidarity, on the duty to defend human rights and to establish a right of participation of the people in public life. The reception had something of a family character, a meeting of friends who feel the same way, and rejoice for an important improvement of the public life in their country.

Some days earlier I had the chance to travel to Poland. I was preparing, with the Pontifical Lateran University and Catholic University of Lublin, the international conference on the common Christian roots of the European nations that, in November 1981, brought to Rome nearly 100 Polish scholars, to discuss the common European heritage with their colleagues from other Slav countries and from the West.

Geremek and Masowiecki, two of the closest advisers of Walesa, participated in the conference. I recall only that it was the last open, free manifestation of the new Poland, the Poland of Solidarity, of Lech Walesa, of a people proud to have one of their fellow citizens as head of the Roman Catholic church. Then came the night of the repression.

During that trip, I started to realize the difficulties that Solidarity, though officially recognized, was suffering. Parish priests asked me to inform people during my sermons about the Pope's warm reception of Walesa, because of shortage of information.

Leaving Poland, I met Walesa at the airport. He did not look so happy. Talking to him, I had the feeling of the difficulties of his position. December 1981 marked the end of his hopes. Once more the free world had confirmation of the closed nature of the communist world to any breath of freedom for the people. Martial law, imprisonments, outlawing and official dissolution of the new unions of Solidarity preceded a dark period of repression, which still continues, notwithstanding the abolition of martial law.

In the first days of the spring of 1982 the christening took place in Gdansk of Maria-Wiktoria, the youngest daughter of Lech Walesa. I was there, with Henryk Janikowski, the parish priest of Saint Brigid and spiritual adviser of Lech, with the Bishop of Gdansk and other priests, among a crowd of thousand people. Lech was still interned. The hope of his being able to come to the ceremony, alive until the last moment, was dashed. People greeted the child by lifting their arms with their fingers in the victory sign. But in deep silence. Only isolated voices shouted "free Lech".

When the Holy Father visited Poland last June, the meeting between him and Walesa was delayed day after day until the last moment. It was an open sign of the hostility of the authorities towards Walesa and, no less an attempt to discourage the Holy Father from giving him importance. The Pope did not submit. He insisted firmly until he obtained what he wanted. But he could not give back to Walesa his status of interlocutor with the government. That was not in his power. And so the world saw Walesa meeting the Pope and then going back to his modest job in Gdansk.

As for the people, Walesa remains their leader, intercessor and symbol. It becomes clear every time Walesa appears in public. The Soviet block has called his Nobel Prize a provocation. This is not true. It is only the deserved honour, publicly recognized, to a man of peace and progress; to a modest, simple, balanced and charismatic leader; to a man who hides under an exterior bonhomie, sense of humour and submissiveness, a totally steel soul, ready to fight his peaceful battles, ready to wait for as long as is necessary, but never to surrender.

I know Walesa through direct and personal knowledge and through attentive study of his activities. I am glad about the honour given to him. I hope it will facilitate his task. I never wanted his retirement and I am ready to challenge anyone to demonstrate the contrary by my words or writings.

I only thought, and still think, that Walesa was and is officially out, but that he is able to hide his true hope, as I wrote then, that the day will come, sooner or later, when he will reemerge a leader as he has been in the past and as he remains for ever in the hearts of his fellow-citizens.

The author resigned this year as deputy editor of the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano* over controversy over his leading article which was alleged to imply support for the Polish authorities' treatment of Walesa.

# Roy Strong Pews at one in memoriam



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Inspired by the dream of the simple life, scores of townfolk have turned their backs on security and comfort to seek fulfilment in the down-to-earth business of smallholding. Here John Young examines how they have fared

## The rocky road back to the land

In the far west of Wales they have been experimenting with the future, and for most of them it has not worked. "They" are a diverse group of mainly English men and women who have chosen to act out a dream, leaving their homes and jobs to seek fulfilment in the simple life of the smallholder.

blow up the bridges into Wales. But if such people do exist, they are not taken very seriously and they are certainly not typical. Most smallholders strongly resent being classed as hippies or dropouts. They distrust phrases like the Good Life, and the amused condescension with which they are often treated. They insist that they have not simply run away; they have deliberately and positively chosen a down-to-earth way of life that entails a great deal of hard work.

paired of making a living and either returned home or sought employment locally, which did not endear them to the Welsh in an area where jobs were endemic scarce. Some gave up the whole idea of smallholding and became carpenters, stonemasons, builders and plumbers. Others found a compromise: one man now grows vegetables and sells them by the roadside in the summer and works as a long-distance lorry driver in the winter.



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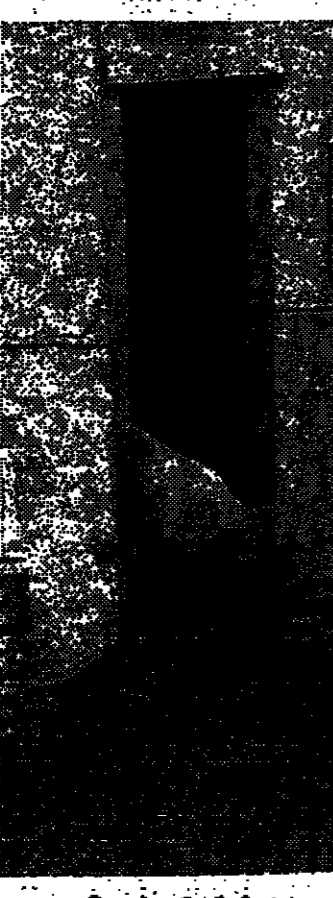
Among the settlers there is no doubt an idealistic, even a lunatic fringe. There is also an unattractive "me first" element, people who have bought their own hideaways against the day when starvation and anarchy stalk the streets of urban Britain.

Sally Seymour, one of the pioneers of the movement, has found a way of life that is a model of self-reliance

### A romantic in touch with reality

Sally Seymour must be just about the youngest looking grandmother in Britain. She is aged 50 yet looks almost girlish in a blouse, jeans and bare feet. She is a wonderful advertisement for the healthy life of growing vegetables and keeping animals on a remote Welsh hillside, a few miles east of Fishguard.

It was not a success. According to Sally, 90 per cent of the students were "dropouts" from well-to-do middle class families, and many were not prepared to work. Most of the girls moreover, were enthusiasts for women's liberation, which meant that they were quite content to hoe cabbages but unwilling to cook, wash up or scrub floors. Sally, finding herself relegated to "chief cook and bottlewasher", finally fled to a cottage in the hills.

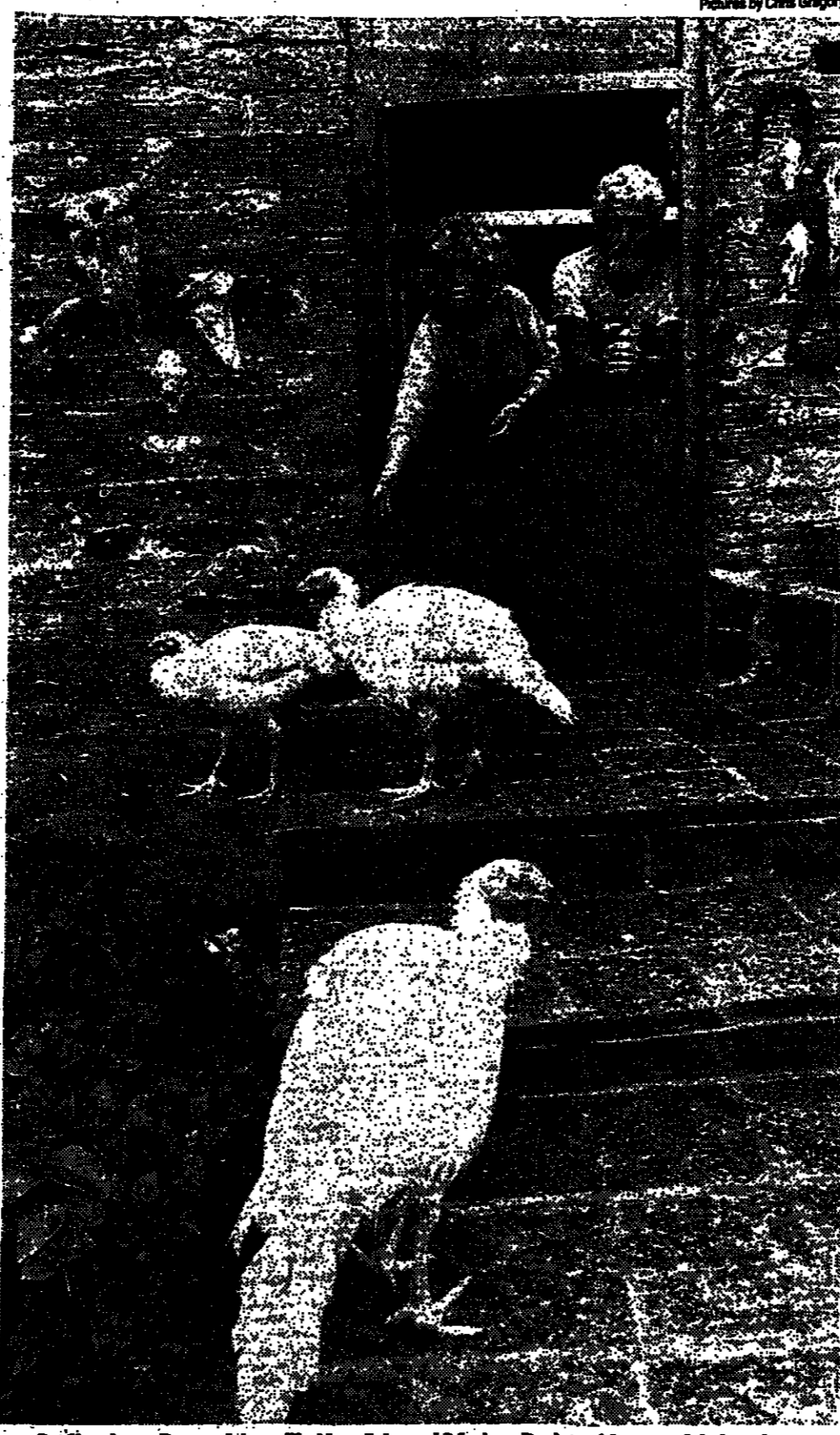


Grandmother's footsteps: Sally Seymour leads one of her pigs out of the caravan 'sty'

of, so we rented a place in Suffolk. It was fairly remote, and we didn't fancy walking to the shop every day, so we bought a cow, and that meant that we had more milk than we needed, so we bought some pigs, and then we had manure to put on the garden, and so build it up.

nothing like enough to pay fuel, water, electricity and telephone bills, let alone provide the occasional luxury. Sally Seymour, who earns an income from pottery and illustrating children's books, is realistic about the shortcomings of self-sufficiency. "I suppose if there were some real world catastrophe, a nuclear disaster which we somehow managed to survive, we could in the last resort be self-sufficient. But if you are going to have electricity and a car, and wear shoes on your feet instead of just skins, you have always got to have some sort of outside prop."

With pigs, sheep, geese and chickens as well, she never needs to buy meat. "We live quite well, and we always have fresh vegetables. The one thing I miss is fish, so I'm thinking of digging a fish pond." Although she complains that there are never enough hours in the day, she has learnt to relax so well that two months ago she was able to give up the pills she was taking for high blood pressure. She also finds time to make wine and spin her own wool, from which she knits beautiful sweaters.



Settingt down: Successful smallholders John and Marlene Paulett with some of their turkeys

lars and greenfly. "I have seen one third of a crop of brassicas eaten by slugs in a single warm, wet spring morning," he says. "You can always keep animals but on, say, 10 acres you will be lucky to make a profit of £200 on beef cattle, perhaps £300 on sheep. You can't pay many bills with that."

From all accounts, to approach smallholding as a way of escape is a recipe for disaster. The experience of those who have made the grade shows that it can offer much happiness and satisfaction, but only limited material reward. The moral from Pembrokeshire is that idealism is no substitute for common sense and hard work.



### Preparing the ground

Is smallholding an impossible dream? The answer seems to depend on what you want from it and what you are able and willing to put into it. One frequently heard piece of advice is never to entangle yourself with a mortgage on the holding, since even the most dedicated and professional smallholders, like the Downeys, say there is no hope of earning enough to meet the repayments. That effectively rules out most young people, unless they are fortunate to have wealthy parents or a legacy. But for middle-aged people who have paid off their mortgages and are in a position to realise their assets, it is a practicable proposition, particularly if they have an investment income or a pension.



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Even then, it is easy to come a cropper without careful planning and preparation. Farming, even at subsistence level, is a science which requires study. If your intention is to establish a small business, with an end product like cheese or wine which could provide a cash income, then study the market and take advice. Do not on any account rush into it. The story is told of one couple from London who fell in love with a cottage in a beautiful valley, which they saw for the first time in summer. Too late they realized that the sun reached it for only five months a year, and that its Welsh name meant Frog in a Bog. Another man, convinced that global economic collapse was imminent, sold a successful holiday complex and bought a farm which he tried to work with stire horses. He is now a sadler and considerably poorer man.

John Seymour's trail-blazing book, *Self-Sufficiency*, is published by Sidgwick and Jackson, £7.95. His latest, *The Smallholder*, is from Faber and Faber, £4.95.



Pressing business: The Paulett's at work on their vine

John and Marlene Paulett have discovered that the secret of success on the land lies in making something to sell from what they grow

### When gallons of wine are the fruits of hard work

John Paulett is a genial extrovert, who lives with his Dutch wife, Marlene, in a beautifully restored and converted barn on the edge of a housing estate, outside Cardigan in Wales. He is 65. His grey beard and demeanour make him look and sound like a retired sea captain, and it is no surprise to learn that after giving up medicine, he ran a sailing school in Yugoslavia (which failed) and was an avid ocean racer.

"In fact, it was ocean racing that took all my money", he says. "I never owned my house, which was why when I came here all I could afford was a barn."

When he bought his present eight acres, he was under no romantic illusions about the joys of self-sufficiency. "If you are going to hang on to amenities like the television set, the telephone, the car, piped water and electricity, you need money. I have a pension, but that's not enough."

engaged in talks with the Welsh Office about the possibility of setting up a wine producers' cooperative. "Our neighbours thought we were mad at first", he says. "In this part of Wales you produce either beef or milk, occasionally both. But now they seem to be coming round to our way of thinking, and one man is talking about planting vines on a south-facing slope."

He thinks that fruit wines will find a new market among, for example, "Babyboom drinkers, people who think that no harm could possibly come from anything made from raspberries". In fact they are pretty strong.

The barnyard is full of turkeys, chickens and muscovy ducks; they also keep beef cattle sheep and pigs, and have two acres of woodlands. The animals are mostly for their own use, but they have made some money from selling piglets. "The sheep are the real bugbear", John says. "We used to have some Kerry Hills, which were the size of small donkeys, and we just didn't have the facilities for dipping and shearing. So in the end we gave them away."

The cheesemaking smallholder - page 3

Advertisement for Highland Park fine old Orkney single malt whisky. The ad features a large image of a whisky bottle and a smaller image of a man in traditional Orkney attire. Text includes: 'HIGHLAND PARK fine old Orkney single malt whisky.', 'Still making by hand.', 'At Highland Park, we don't believe you can make fine old single malt whisky by new-fangled methods. Which is why we still distil in the traditional way. Still making by hand, still drawing the water from our own ancient spring, still using rich Orkney peat to stoke the kiln. Highland Park. The 12-year-old malt that's centuries old.', and 'We don't let progress get in the way of anything'.





Beryl Downing reports on British designers who excel in stylish and functional furniture for city dwellers in cramped quarters  
Room enough for big ideas

This is the lack-of-space age. High-cost housing often means low-level comfort unless every square foot pays its way and every piece of furniture is as adaptable as a dual voltage iron.

For the 4.2 million people living alone in Britain - and particularly for the 13 per cent of the population in inner London, many of whom live in one-room capsules - a little ingenuity goes a long way. Many do not realize how lucky they are to have some of the most creative furniture designers in the world on their own doorsteps.

There is no need to go to Italy to find inspiration - and even if you do, you are bound to find British designers working for those Italian companies who have been so successful in promoting an image of unbeatable style. But creative design is no farther lung than the wilder reaches of Wapping, in London's East End. The three young designers I met there last week combine innovation with craftsmanship and a strong sense of function - the perfect mix for one-room living.

Their workshops and showrooms are well worth having the branches of the Underground from Whitechapel and you will be rewarded by a waterfront atmosphere as far removed from a high-street furniture showroom as a lunar landscape is from a football stadium.

Christian Nimmo and John Warren share a workshop on the first floor, D1 Metropolitan Wharf, Wapping Wall. Christian, possibly because of his training with a cabinet-maker who made yacht furniture, has a highly developed sense of functional space-saving devices of concentrating on designing small batches of chests and tables containing a maximum of drawer space.

He has a fine appreciation of beautifully-grained timber and occasionally makes one-off pieces to commission as well as carving handsome bowls "as recreation" from hawthorn, yew and Californian madrone (for this he took a chain-saw down the Grand Canyon and acted as his own lumberjack).

But his main aim is to make an alternative to factory furniture at an affordable price and the fibreglass he uses - pulped and compressed, instead of being reduced to bits as in chipboard - lends itself to simple, practical shapes and attractively lacquered finishes.

His current range includes a large 10-drawer chest at £375, each drawer outlined in colour like the grouting on a brick wall, and a smaller one at £275. His low coffee table has the contemplative simplicity of Japanese furniture and the top consists entirely of concealed storage drawers - a large one in the middle which opens from either side and another at each end. The table (£225) and chests are finished in a very dark brown lacquer - almost black, but less stark - combined with terracotta and sometimes grey. For details of other items telephone 01-481 9537.

John Warren, who shares the workshop, but does not make independently (01-488 9241), was a sculptor and prop-designer before turning to cabinet-making. He is now working on an ingenious storage solution for a kitchen/living area. The unit is basically a box on a pole. The outside of the box has projecting shelves for plants, books and miscellaneous objects and the unit, hinged in the middle, opens to reveal internal shelves for kitchen storage. The whole system pivots on the central pole, making a dual purpose divider, separating the area into kitchen and living functions and yet retaining a feeling of spaciousness because there is no shelving at ground level. The cost of a unit of this sort will be about £350.

Sam Sprague is the third designer/maker, working on the next floor of the converted warehouse at D2 Metropolitan Wharf (01-488 1669). A degree course in industrial design and some practical commercial experience has given him a particularly keen appreciation of the functional aspects of furniture design allied to an imaginative use of colour and lighting.

His free-standing storage cabinets, for example, are the most original answer I have seen to the problem of housing shelves or hanging space. They are not intended to be pushed against a wall, but make attractive objects in their own right, finished in stippled colours which give the effect of coloured granite and incorporating concealed lighting not as a means of illuminating the interior but as a decorative external feature. These come in various styles from £300 each.

Sprague has also designed an interesting free-standing island unit which functions as a kitchen/dining room as a table or as a complete preparation bench. The top slides apart in four panels-providing work surfaces at each end of the unit and revealing a sink unit on one side and cooker hob on the other.

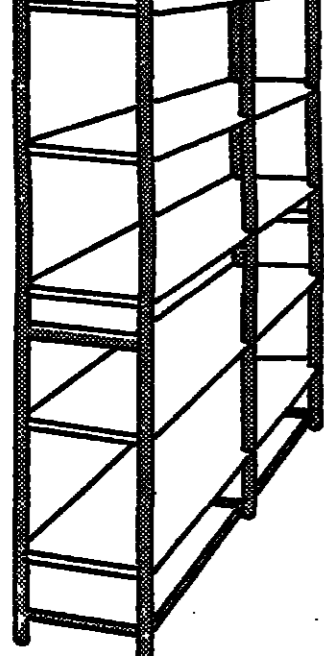
The original was designed for an architect and Sprague is now installing another for his own use; it can function on electricity or gas. He will design others to commission. The cost is likely to be around £1,000 but it is nice to know that if you can afford to make your living space stylish as well as functional, there are British designers who can provide original answers to suit all budgets.

A little touch of luxury on a tight budget

Just what does it cost to furnish a single room these days? We decided to try out one of the new departments specializing in design for young living - Lifestyle at D. H. Evans, Oxford Street, London W1 - which is making a valiant effort to provide cheerful, attractive and inexpensive design for first-time furnishers.

The choice in major items of furniture is as yet limited, but

Drawn by Michael Davidson



what there is well-priced. There are several sofa beds, but any one-room dweller should think seriously before choosing one as the main buy. They are fine as occasional guest put-you-ups, but unless you spend a lot, they are not comfortable for use every night.

I would prefer to choose a well-sprung, low divan, cover the base with a box-pleated valance and use a rug as a bed cover to take away the "bed-room" feel. If you can find a secondhand Persian rug - condition isn't important as you aren't going to walk on it and you can cover up imperfections with cushions - you will achieve a feeling of luxury.

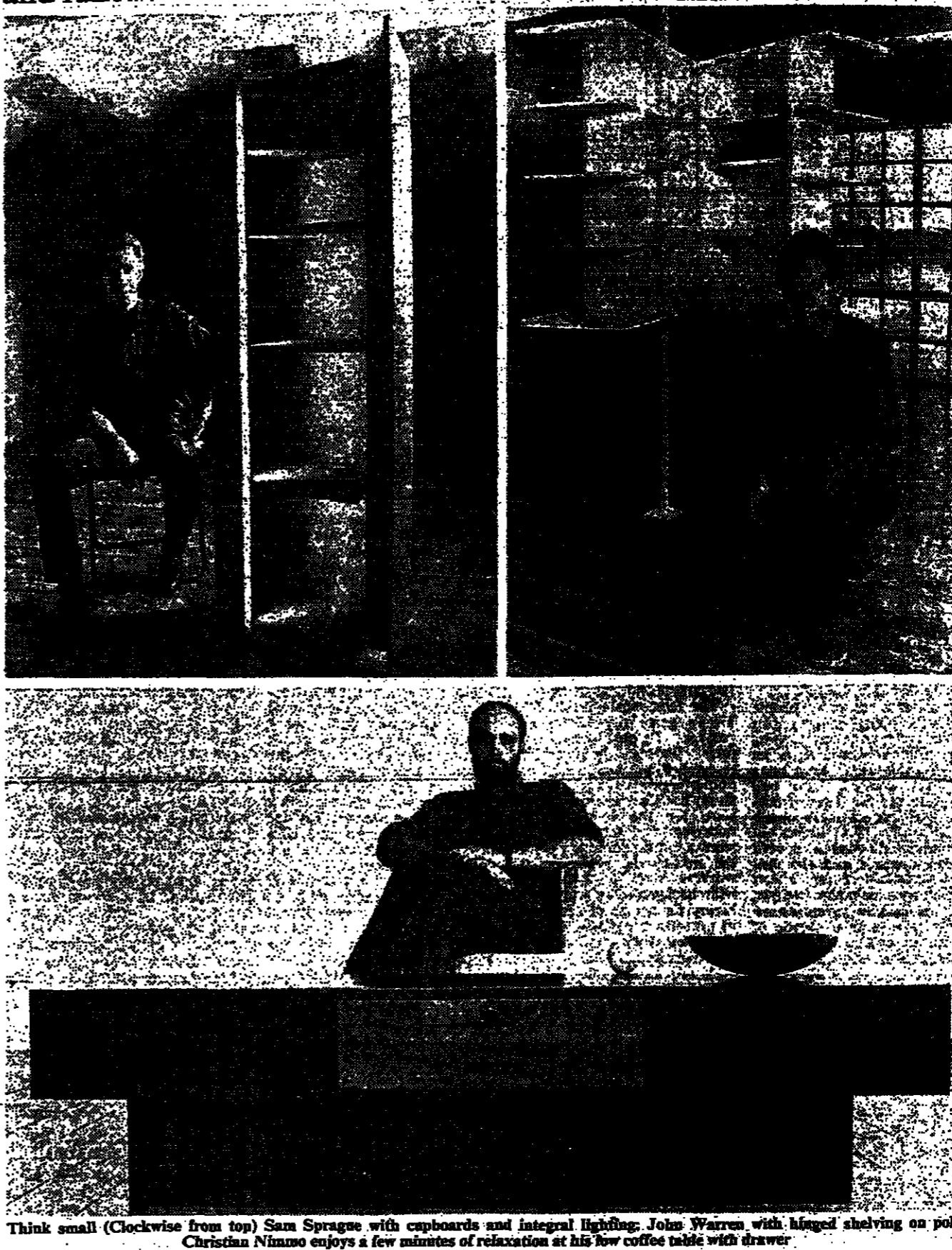
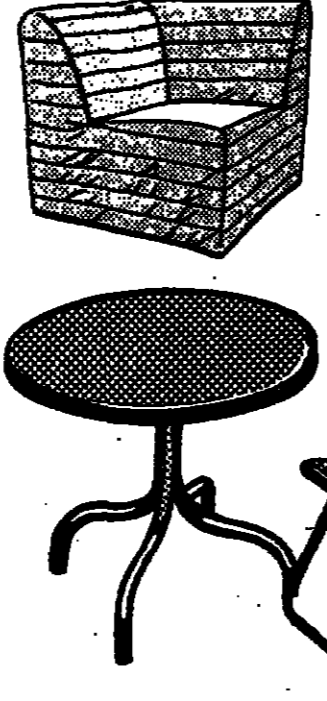
I dislike intensely the cheap and nasty look of most chip-board cupboards and chests of drawers, so instead of a wardrobe I suggest you get a friendly handyman to fix up a couple of end boards, ceiling to floor, with a pole for hanging clothes between the two - or use a convenient alcove if you have one. A very basic chest of drawers can also be fitted into this space, and the whole area can be screened by rollerblinds.

The bed will double as sofa, but if you want to screen it from the living area there is a set of shelves on tubular frames which provide good-looking storage. They can be used as a room divider or against a wall. In the living area a round mesh-topped table and two folding chairs will serve for working and eating; an aimless corner-seating unit will take up least space

for lounging and you can add to it when the bank balance allows. You will need at least one moveable spotlight for reading. It is essential to have somewhere to put papers, so a filing unit with three drawers and a deep filing drawer should keep your bills in order while a couple of rag rugs and selection of colourful cushions will provide a degree of texture comfort.

- What it costs
Alexander sprung divan £169.95
Tubular shelf divider £169.90
Three-drawer chest £65.00
Three striped roller blinds, £19.95 each £59.85
Enamelled metal-and-mesh round table £32.95
Two folding chairs, mesh seats £23.90
Corner-seating unit Tuba 3 £39.95
Filing unit £37.50
Jumbo cushion £25.00
Two scatter cushions £7.00
Torchlight spot £6.50
£275.39

All the items chosen are available from Lifestyle departments at D. H. Evans, Radcliff, Birmingham and Sheffield, Army & Navy, Camberley, Maidstone, and Bromley, Dingles, Plymouth, and Howells, Cardiff. The Alexander bed is from House of Fraser bedding departments.

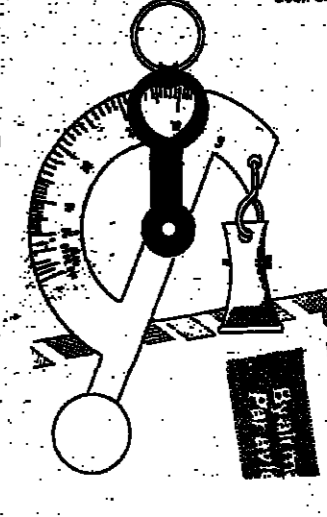


Think small (Clockwise from top) Sam Sprague with cupboards and integral lighting; John Warren with hinged shelving on pole; Christian Nimmo enjoys a few minutes of relaxation at his low coffee table with drawer

Nary would not have approved of the exhibition which has just opened at the Design Centre in London. It blows our own trumpet something shocking - more than 50 case histories of British companies actually making money because they have bothered about design.

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high places to feel they have done their bit and can relax, but encouraging enough to make other manufacturers sit up and see that good design is not merely embellishment but can mean profit. It was good, too, to hear complimentary comments from overseas visitors.

and send a Design Council and Industry exhibition - and its trumpet - round the world. The present exhibition, called Design and the Economy, is sponsored by the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation (ICFC), a division of the Investors in Industry Group, the London Enterprise Agency, and the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies. It will be at 25 Haymarket, London SW1 until Nov 5 and the Scottish Design Centre in Glasgow from Nov 24 until Jan 7.



IN THE GARDEN

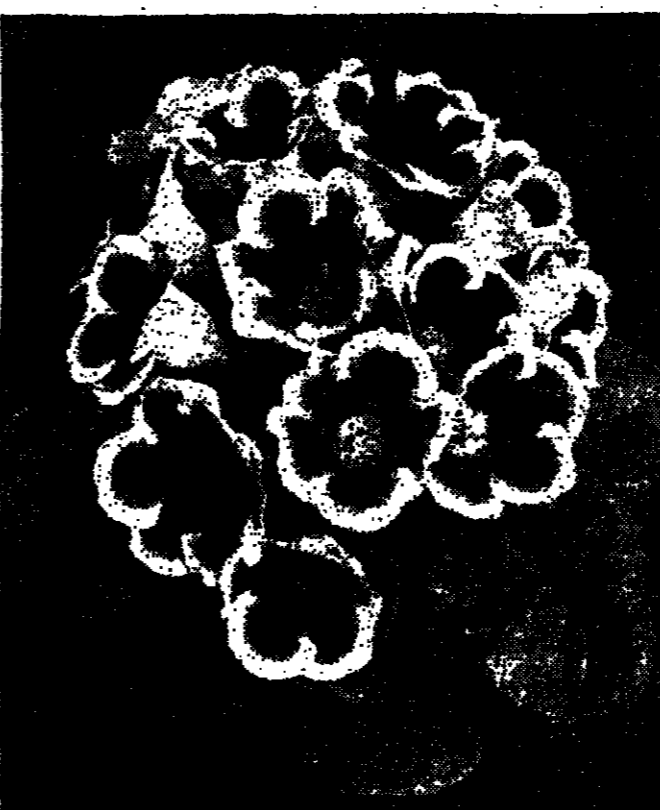
Exotic and glorious gloxinias

Gloxinias are exotic house plants which look expensive and difficult to grow, but given good light and the right temperatures they can be raised at home. The name was changed some years ago to Sinningia speciosa. They can be raised at home from seed, from tubers or from cuttings and will all produce flowers within 12 months of propagation.

Beware the sun, even in autumn
During the growing season remove flowers as soon as they die; successive flowers will be stopped if the old flowers are left on. Using a sharp knife or a pair of pointed scissors, cut the dead flower stalk as close to the crown as possible. Leaves are easily damaged and these should be removed from the plant, again using a sharp knife. Cut as close as possible to the base.

the leaves and flowers begin damping off. From the time the flower buds appear up to the time they are about to show colour, feeding with a high-nitrogen fertilizer is necessary. Once the plants are showing colour change to a fertilizer which has a high potash content; this helps to ripen the plant and induces a better colour in the flowers. Stop feeding when the plant stops producing flowers.

over. Sow direct into a soilless compost such as FFI Potting Compost and then place where the temperature is constant at about 70°F. Once the seedling has made its second true leaf, prick off the plants into individual 5in pots, using the same compost. The temperature can be lowered as soon as the plants are established. Grow them on between 60° and 65°F. Pot on into 5in pots when big enough.



Crown of colour: The trumpet-shaped blooms of the gloxinia

Peel off the scales and wait for it

There are two types of bulbs, tunicated and non-tunicated. Lilies come in the second category. A tunicated bulb has tightly overlapping scales with an outer membrane which wraps it up so that it looks like a single unit. Non-tunicated bulbs do not have this outer membrane; the scales are free and attached to a compressed central stem, usually at the base of the scale. These scales are used to increase stock.

a well-drained medium; the soilless composts are ideal, but a sandy soil with well-rotted organic matter added is almost as good. Fill a pot or tray with the compost and water it the night before you intend to insert the scales. These may be dusted with a fungicide to try to prevent attacks of botrytis and dipped into a hormone-rooting powder to assist root formation. To plant, take the scale by the pointed tip between finger and thumb and push it into the compost until it is covered to about half its length.

Winter under glass

Although their popularity is increasing, greenhouses are underused in winter because of heating costs. But there is no reason why the cold greenhouse should not be used to produce early colour or to give plants such as hardy annuals a better start than they would have outside. So long as you keep them dry enough in the

winter, hardy annuals are little trouble. All the same, select your hardy annuals for winter cultivation carefully. It is worth trying half-hardy annuals, but do not be disappointed if they do not come through the winter. The most important thing to remember is that during cold weather, water - whether in the atmosphere, in the pot or on the floor - kills. So keep

the house and the plants as dry as you can; it is much better to err on the dry side than the wet. Sow hardy annuals in soilless composts. There are now three good makes, from FFI, ICI and Feinco. Water a few days before sowing, so that the compost is moist but surplus water has drained away. Sow broadcast now and prepare to thin out, or pot on, as soon as the plants are big enough.

For the connoisseur

One of the best of all evergreens is Equisetum purpureum, a dense shrub with dark green leaves and some thorns. A hardy shrub which will tolerate all but the most exposed sites, it is best known for its foliage. Although it is in flower now it will produce significant flowers only in good seasons.

And so to beds

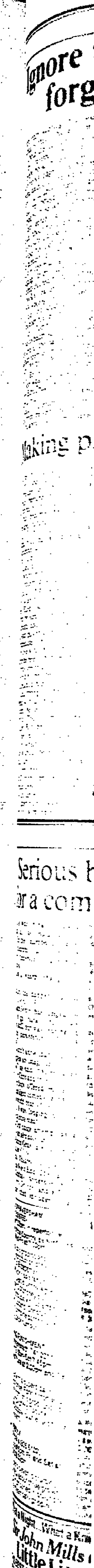
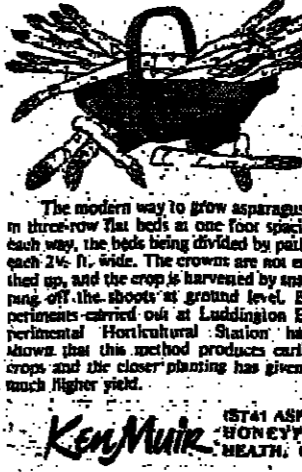
As summer bedding fades it should be removed, but if the plants are in good condition, leave them until they are no longer of any value in the garden. Once they have been removed the tops can be placed on the compost heap or burnt.

soon as they are seen. If left they will become stronger and gradually kill out the variegated streaks. Dianthus is a cultivar with much pale, yellow variegations which makes a perfect foil for the deeper Maculata, although it is harder to obtain. In the case of Dianthus the margins of the leaves are variegated and the centre of the leaf is green. Plants are available from Hilliers of Winchester, Notcutts of Woodbridge or Scotts of Merritt. They will cost about 25 each.

Special Offer of French Asparagus

For the first time we are now able to offer asparagus plants actually growing in pots. The advantage of July/September planted pot-grown asparagus is that they suffer no disturbance when planted out, the plants become well established before winter and so get away to a flying start next spring.

Genuine French asparagus is a superb delicacy, and only the best will satisfy gourmets. The subtlety of its excellent sweet flavour makes it the choice of top chefs throughout Europe. French Asparagus grows well and yields heavily on moist soils. It is not a demanding plant and requires little attention. The graceful ferny foliage is also prized by flower arrangers.



REVIEW Paperbacks of the month

Ignore the professors and forget the apology

Apart from wanting this poem instead of that, I have little to say about the contents of the fourth (revised) edition of Moore's book...

The Penguin Book of American Verse edited by Geoffrey Moore (Penguin, £4.95)

or Wallace Stevens? Only his pupils suffer from his sensibility and his bent patriotism!

Since 1913 much American verse has been difficult for us to scan. I learnt how to do this by comparing Pound's earlier work with his later work...

When the time comes for his book's fifth edition, I am confident that Geoffrey Moore will remember Mary Herbert and Enid Blyden and so cancel his recognition of Anne Bradstreet as the first woman known to have written poetry in English...

The Royal Critic: We cannot bear to read a book. Nor brutally attack it. We lay it gently on our lap and dust its little jacket.

Christopher Logue



Stick 'em up: The cowboy star, William S. Hart, in his 1918 film The Tiger Man...

Noble savagery right to the end

A Denton Welch revival is in the making, and must indeed be welcomed. Two volumes from Penguin, an unabridged edition of the Journals from Allison & Busby and, due early next year, a first biography by Michael De-La-Noy (Allen Lane)...

Maiden Voyage by Denton Welch (Penguin, £2.95)

A Voice Through a Cloud by Denton Welch (Penguin, £2.50)

when he was 11. It was to Shanghai that Welch returned, after Repton from which he ran away.



Denton Welch (1915-49)

observant eye and spontaneous reactions fire-wheeled, illuminating a period when the foreigner enjoyed privilege and respect. Here is the young collector of beautiful objects and unique experience...

He presents himself with some perverseness as he moves from hospital to convalescent home. One is up against a young man cheated of life, as indeed he was. He does not hesitate to express his savagery at this fate...

Kay Dick

Making progress in the kitchen

"Tell her that her kitchen has been my other university" is the message sent by Barbara Trapido's heroine to the wife of her professor of philosophy...

Brother of the More Famous Jack by Barbara Trapido (Black Swan, £2.50)

playing Chance, the simple minded gardener, is well known; but in the book, and without Peter Sellers, Chance is a flatter character, which enhances his story.

henceless. As he walks out into the street, from the garden he has never left before, he is knocked down by a car driven by the wife of an influential businessman...

It is a neat piece of writing and as a fable it raises lots of questions about public images and the media and the ambiguity of metaphor...

Anne Barnes

Jolly good sports, and a remedy still for measles

Richard Usborne, literary apostle of P. G. Wodehouse, here turns to John Buchan, Sapper and Dornford Yates, who were of course far funnier.

I preferred them not for their cryptic-fascism, their open xenophobia, their colour prejudice, upper-class violence, shameless profrugality and appalling snobishness...

Cubland Heroes by Richard Usborne (Hutchinson £3.95)

ins and damp holidays in Aberystwyth. But I did not read them as assiduously as did Usborne.

good Sapper's heroes were at sport, once they had ceased themselves out of Brooks's. White's or Pratt's, or whichever country house they happened to be causing mayhem in...

Buchan, as Mr Usborne acknowledges, was the best writer of the three. Indeed there was always something eminently respectable about reading Buchan...

What Alfred the Great did next

Alfred is the first Englishman about whom we know anything very much. Many of the things we know best about him are probably legends...

Alfred the Great translated with an introduction and notes by Simon Keynes and Michael Lapidge (Penguin, £2.95)

Horace, the Complete Odes and Epodes translated with notes by W. G. Shepherd, introduction by Betty Radice (Penguin, £1.95)

Cambridge, brings to life the great Englishman behind the legend. The truth is quite as beguiling as the romance of the Winchester statue...

There is nothing of the cold baths about Usborne's scholarship, more a warm wallow in a world long since replaced by the realities of paying the water rate and travelling to work on the District Line...

Philip Howard, Henry Stanhope

Serious business for a comedy king

For those who think of Leslie Phillips as the mainstay of plays for the charabanc trade, his appearance as Gaev in Lindsay Anderson's stage production of The Cherry Orchard indicates a sharp change of gear.

Flowright as Miss Ranovskaya, Frank Findlay as Lopakhin and Bernard Miles as Firs. In his production, which is previewing at the Theatre Royal, from Wednesday, Anderson has followed Chekhov's view that The Cherry Orchard is a comedy...



Stage highlights: Little Shop of Horrors, a 1960 low-budget film, inspired a stage show which has been playing off-Broadway for two years...

ARDEN OF FEVERSHAM The Pit (828 8785) Today at 7.30pm. In repertory with Custom of the Country by Nicholas Wright (Wed-Fri at 7.30pm.)

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT Crime in the Emerald (741 2311) Until Oct 15, Mon-Sat 7.45pm; matinees Thurs at 2.30pm and Sat at 4pm

Critics' choice and full of psychological and political nuance. Excellent direction by Alan Ayckbourn...

A PATRIOT FOR ME Heymarket (838 9832) Last performances today at 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Alain Bates in the central role, Harry Andrews as a veteran general and Michael Gough as a baron leading Mozart in a drag stand

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU Lybton (828 2252) Wed-Fri at 7.45pm; matinee Thurs at 3pm. In repertory with A Midsummer Night's Dream

BRIGHTON: Theatre Royal (0273 28488) Paik of Lies by Hugh Whittier (Open Town, until Oct 22, Mon-Thurs at 7.45pm, Fri at 8.15pm, Sat at 8pm and 8.15pm; matinees Thurs at 2.30pm)

EDINBURGH: Royal Lyceum (031 225 9697) Much Ado About Nothing Today at 8pm, Tues-Fri at 7.30pm, until Oct 22. In repertory with Henry Irving: The Knight from Nowhere by Michael Howe (Mon at 8pm)

Out of Town Robert David MacDonald, until Oct 15, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm

GLASGOW: Citizens (041 429 3567) Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead Today at 7.30pm, Tues-Fri at 7.30pm

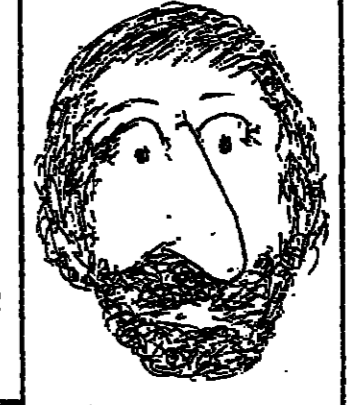
PREVIEW Galleries

RODIN AND FRENCH GENIUS Bruton Gallery, Bruton, Somerset (074861 2265). Until Oct 29, Mon to Sat, 10am-6pm



From art student at the Slade to café manager, travel courier, bookie's clerk and finally, a successful painter of miniature landscapes...

PARK LANE ANTIQUES FAIR Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London W1 (489 5321). Today 11am-8pm, tomorrow 11am-5pm



with Barry's more familiar work on the left. The exhibition includes landscapes, Times cartoons, and portraits from 'The Media Mob'

PHOTOGRAPHY SHIPBUILDING ON THE TYNE Side Gallery, 5 Stia, Newcastle upon Tyne (0209 322209) Wed - Nov 20, Tues-Fri 11am-5pm, Sat-Sun 11am-5pm

CRUMMEL ROAD, London SW7 (898 6371). Mon-Thurs and Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30pm-5.30pm

What a Night... What a Knight! Sir John Mills in Little Lies THE BEST FUN TO BE HAD WYNDHAM'S THEATRE

GLASGOW: Citizens (041 429 3567) Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead Today at 7.30pm, Tues-Fri at 7.30pm

WINDSOR: Theatre Royal (07535 53888) A Song at Twilight by Noel Coward. Until Oct 22, Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 4.45 and 8pm

BRITAIN: AN AMERICAN VIEW... Royal Festival Hall, foyer, South Bank, London, SE1 (828 3002). Until Oct 19

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Today

NATIONAL BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS: Amateur brass bandsmen are accustomed to playing in village halls...

strong supporting cast which includes Peter Barkworth, Honor Blackman and Alec McCowen. All TV regions, 7.45-9.55pm.

Monday

POTTERY AND PORCELAIN: A Wedgwood trial dinner-plate for the Catherine the Great Service, painted with a view of "Wastowas, Castle, Isle of Wight"...

PHOTO-ASSIGNMENT WEEK

A photographic competition is being held in the form of a series of programmes on BBC2 from today until Friday.

THE ARABS: New series of 10 one-hour documentaries, shot in 15 countries from Morocco to the Gulf...

Tuesday

ALBERT: HIS LIFE AND WORK: The Duke of Edinburgh, the present Prince Consort, inspired this exhibition about his nineteenth century predecessor, Prince Albert.

BIRMINGHAM THEATRE FESTIVAL: A development from the Midlands New Writers Festivals of 1981 and 1982, the festival takes place at the Allardysce Nicol Studio, Birmingham University...

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strong supporting cast which includes Peter Barkworth, Honor Blackman and Alec McCowen. All TV regions, 7.45-9.55pm. Designed to take the appetite for a 10-part series of Tommy and Tuppence adventures, under the title Partners in Crime, which starts next Sunday.

7.30pm. Wed and Fri at 8pm; matinees Sat at 4pm. Wed at 2.30pm.

BRUNO STRIKES AGAIN: Only two weeks after his 128-second defeat of the New Yorker, Bill Sharkey, Britain's exciting heavyweight boxing hope, Frank Bruno, takes on another American, Floyd "Jumbo" Cummings, at the Royal Albert Hall. The fight is scheduled over 10 rounds but all of Bruno's previous 18 bouts have finished, in his favour, well within the distance. There is live coverage on BBC1, 10.15-11.03pm.

RUMPOLE OF THE BAILEY: First of six new stories featuring John Mortimer's splendidly comic creation, the barrister Horace Rumpole (Leo McKern). In this one he defends an artist accused of forgery, played by Emyl Williams. Peter Bowles is back as Rumpole's arch-rival, Gurnie Featherston, and Peggy Thorpe-Bates is Mrs Rumpole, "the who must be obeyed". All TV regions, 9-10pm.

Wednesday

REALISM THROUGH INFORMALITY: The show is subtitled "The Conversation Piece in Eighteenth Century Britain", but only a handful of the works on view are true conversation pieces. However the easy realism which characterized so much painting of the period is evident

both in the work of famous names like Gainsborough and Zoffany, or in the more obscure caricature portrait groups by William Doughty. There is also an annex of works by Joseph Wright of Derby, Laser Galleries, 13 Old Bond Street, London W1 (829 3538). Until Nov 25, Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm.

THE ARTISTS OF THE YELLOW BOOK: Not to mention the artistic circle of Oscar Wilde, a related but distinct phenomenon. Photographs and portraits of Oscar, drawings by Beardsley, posters and playbills from the 1890s and selected works by Shannon and Ricketts, Whistler, Sickert and Beardsley, form a splendid composite picture of the period. Part of the exhibition is being held at the Clarendon Gallery, 8 Vico Street, London W1, the original home of John Lane's Bodley Head, publisher of The Yellow Book; until Nov 1; the rest is at the Parkin Gallery, 11 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (225 8144), until Nov 4. Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

ADRIANA SIMOTOVA, STANISLAV KOLOB: A show sponsored by the Visiting Arts Unit of Great Britain, devoted to two leading Czech artists: Simotova, originally a representational painter, has taken to making sculptures out of layers of black and white paper or metal gauze; Kolob has also left figurative painting in favour of constructivist work, in the form of

complex abstractions combining elements of painting, drawing and sculpture. Riverside Gallery, Crisp Road, London W6 (741 2251). Until Nov 13, Tues-Sun 12-6pm.

ENGLAND'S LAST CHANCE: Bobby Robson's men, smarting from their defeat by the Danes at Wembley, go into their football match with Hungary at Budapest knowing that anything less than victory will almost certainly put them out of the European Championship. The game can be seen live on BBC1, starting at 5.55pm. Also in action in the same competition are Scotland, who play Belgium at Hampden Park, and Northern Ireland, away to Turkey.

TYNESIDE FILM FESTIVAL: The sixth edition of this enterprising festival gets underway today with David Jones's film of the Harold Pinter play Betrayal. The rest of the fare, however, studiously avoids the mainstream, with American independents predominating. There is also a retrospective selection of British films from 1945 to 1951, "Britain Can Take It", including Paul Rotha's sobering documentary Land of Promise (tomorrow). The most spectacular event is on Oct 16: René Clair's bubbly silent classic The Italian Straw Hat, presented with a new score by Ben Mason, played by the Northern Sinfonia, Tyneside Cinema, 10-12 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle (0632 325922). Until Oct 23

THE ARCHIVE PRESENTS: Four weekly programmes of British curiosities rescued from possible oblivion by the National Film Archive with finance from Mobil Oil. Today, an extraordinary rarity: Knowing Men (1930), written, directed and financed by Miss Eleanor Glynn. Later treats include the bizarre Moscow Nights (1935) with Laurence Olivier and Harry Baur, directed by Anthony Asquith on Oct 19, and Arthur Woods' masterly, slightly thriller They Drive by Night (1938) on Oct 28. National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (828 3232). Until Nov 2.

THE CHERRY ORCHARD: Lindsay Anderson directs Joan Plowright, Frank Finlay, Leslie Phillips, Bill Fraser, Joanna David, Frank Craine and Bernard Miles in Chekhov's classic humorous, compassionate, drama. Theatre Royal, Haymarket (930 9832). Previews today, Thurs, Fri, Oct 15, 16, 17 at 7.30pm. Press night Oct 18 at 7.30pm. Until Nov 19, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm, matinees Wed at 2.30pm, Sat at 3pm. Until Nov 19.

CUSTOM OF THE COUNTRY: Royal Shakespeare Company in first production of this play by Nicholas Wright, the first Director of the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs, and author of The Gorky Brigade and The Crimes of Vautrin. Cast includes: Straad Casuck, Joanne Simon, Christopher Guard, Sara Kestelman, David Bradley, John Bawa

directed by David Jones. The Pit (828 8785/838 8891). Opens today at 7.30pm. Thurs and Fri Oct 15, 17, 18 at 7.30pm. Press night Oct 19 at 7pm. In repertory.

STARDUST: New comedy by Ted Willis in his first production, starring George Weathers and John McCallum, with Terence Longdon, Anthony Sharp; directed by Roger Redfern. A sexagenarian actress is visited simultaneously by two ex-husbands. Churchill Theatre, Bromley, Kent (460 6677/5636). Opens today at 7.45pm. Until Nov 5, Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 8pm.

Thursday

THE MAN WHO SAVED ST PAUL: The George Cross awarded to Lieutenant Robert Davies for displaying heroic and self-sacrificing bravery during the bombing of St Paul's Cathedral on September 12, 1940, is part of a sale of orders, medals and decorations. Other lots include medals for Captain Scott's last expedition to the South Pole in 1911-12. Sotheby's, New Bond Street, London W1 (493 8000), 10.30am.

COUP DE FOUDE: Isabelle Huppert and Miroslav Janda in a new film, set in France during the 1950s and based on the story of her mother. The two women leave their husbands to find a more rewarding relationship with each other. The film won the International Critics' Award at the San Sebastian film festival. Oct 15, Academy 1, Oxford Street (437 2981).

YOUNG GIANTS: Football star Pele and his mates are the heroes of Terent Tarnass's film recounting how they help Father Cadenas (John Huston) save his St Francis Boys' Home, where they spent their orphan childhood, from destruction. Cert U. ABC Edgware Road (723 5905) and based on the story of the 1950s. Classic Haymarket (839 1527).

HYSTERICAL: Spoof comedy horror film involving a lighthouse, an angry seductress and Count Dracula. Directed by Chris Beards, with the Hudson brothers: Bill, Mark and Brett. Cert 15. Classic Chelsea (352 5096), Classic Tottenham Court Road (836 6149).

ANTHONY: John Burgess and Peter Gill direct a National Theatre workshop of Sophocles' great tragedy. Cast includes David Baron, Belinda Lang, Roderick Smith, Cottesloe (928 2252). Opens today at 7.30 pm. Fri and Oct 15 at 7.30 pm; matinee Oct 15 at 2.30 pm. In repertory.

Friday

SPECTACLES AND MASONIC ITEMS: The highlight of a sale which includes more than 300 eighteenth and nineteenth century pairs of spectacles and optical aids is a silver-framed Georgian pair inscribed as a gift from Sir Richard Ashmole, inventor of the spinning jenny. Among masonic artefacts are jewels, swords and engraved glass. Bonhams, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 (584 9161), 11am.

MAYDAYS: The Royal Shakespeare Company in the premiere of a new David Edgar play, which looks at socialist ideals and their proponents and opponents, from Hungary in 1956 to contemporary Britain. It is the first new play to be performed in this theatre. Ron Daniels directs a cast including Tony Church, Bob Peck, Antony Sher and Anthony Steadman. Barbican (628 8795/638 8891). Previews today, Oct 15, Oct 17-19 at 7.30pm; press night Oct 20 at 7pm. In repertory.



Tough enough: British heavyweight Frank Bruno, who has a habit of knocking out Americans, will meet "Jumbo" Cummings in a televised bout (see Tuesday). The picture is included in Lord Snowden's book 'Sittings 1979-83', published on Thursday (Weidenfeld and Nicolson, £10.95)

TOMORROW

CHEL TENHAM FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE: Is opened today at 12.30pm in the Throstles Long Gallery by Dame Peggy Ashcroft and continues until Oct 16. The events include a celebration, on his 350th anniversary, of Samuel Pepys; the poems of Wilfred Owen; A. J. P. Taylor on "History as Literature"; Raymond Williams on late-seventeenth century writing; and a debate on Marxism and literature, with Colin McCabe, Trevor Griffiths and John Lucas. Box office: Town Hall, Cratcliffeham, Gloucestershire (0242 23690).

JANE EYRE: New 11-part dramatization by Alexander Baron of the novel by Charlotte Brontë. In this first episode the young Jane (played by Sian Pattenden) is being neglected and ill-treated by her aunt, Mrs Reed (Charlotte Cornwell). In later episodes Zelah Clarke plays Jane and Timothy Dalton is her suitor, Mr Rochester. BBC1, 6.05-6.35pm.

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Chess

Mastering the art of a master of defence

Nobody's name is writ so large on modern opening theory as that of the great Jewish-Latvian master, Aron Nimzowitsch. In the first place there is his defence to the Queen's Pawn, the Nimzo-Indian Defence, which, while not by any means so popular as it was in the 1930s, is still in common use; then there is the more rare Nimzowitsch Defence to the King's Pawn (1 P-K4, N-QB3); and then there are his ingenious ways of playing either against or with the half-open defences, his advance variation against the French and his early N-KB3 in the Sicilian.

Proof of this self-deception is to be found in the way in which Nimzowitsch suffered heavy defeats at the hands of such great strategists as Capablanca and Alekhine. But, perhaps I have pushed my negation of Nimzowitsch's claims a little too far. It is quite clear that the Nimzo-Indian Defence is based on a firm strategic principle - the control of the central square of White's K4. And yet it should be observed that in recent years the defence has tended to lose its former great popularity. So much so that the thirty-fifth volume of Chess Informant, published this year, gives comparatively few Nimzowitschian (about 35 if you count transpositions as well).

This is, however, a fine collection of magnificent games, obtainable from Chess Surton Coldfield at £13.50 post-free. From it I give a lively, if far from flawless game that was played at Budapest this year. White: G. Forintos, Black: Pal Petran. Q. P. Nimzo-Indian Defence

White would have had a more peaceful life had he played 7 Q-Q4 here. 7 Q-Q4 here. 8 K-Q1 9 B-Q2 10 B-Q3 11 N-B3 12 B-B2 13 B-B2 14 B-B3 15 B-B3 16 B-B3 17 B-B3 18 B-B3 19 B-B3 20 B-B3 21 B-B3 22 B-B3 23 B-B3 24 B-B3 25 B-B3 26 B-B3 27 B-B3 28 B-B3 29 B-B3 30 B-B3 31 B-B3 32 B-B3 33 B-B3 34 B-B3 35 B-B3 36 B-B3 37 B-B3 38 B-B3 39 B-B3 40 B-B3 41 B-B3 42 B-B3 43 B-B3 44 B-B3 45 B-B3 46 B-B3 47 B-B3 48 B-B3 49 B-B3 50 B-B3 51 B-B3 52 B-B3 53 B-B3 54 B-B3 55 B-B3 56 B-B3 57 B-B3 58 B-B3 59 B-B3 60 B-B3 61 B-B3 62 B-B3 63 B-B3 64 B-B3 65 B-B3 66 B-B3 67 B-B3 68 B-B3 69 B-B3 70 B-B3 71 B-B3 72 B-B3 73 B-B3 74 B-B3 75 B-B3 76 B-B3 77 B-B3 78 B-B3 79 B-B3 80 B-B3 81 B-B3 82 B-B3 83 B-B3 84 B-B3 85 B-B3 86 B-B3 87 B-B3 88 B-B3 89 B-B3 90 B-B3 91 B-B3 92 B-B3 93 B-B3 94 B-B3 95 B-B3 96 B-B3 97 B-B3 98 B-B3 99 B-B3 100 B-B3

Bridge

A big hand for Mollo's winning menagerie

Victor Mollo has produced his twenty-fifth book - You Need Never Lose at Bridge (Methuen, £6.95) - and it must surely be one of his best. Victor Mollo was born in 1909 in Tsarist Russia. His family escaped the terrors of the Revolution by the adventurous expedient of hiring a train. After some harrowing experiences, young Victor eventually arrived in England.

Rabbit were battling against the Greek and Walter the Walrus. Rubber bridge. East-West game. Dealer South.

the fact that as a result they had missed a cold grand slam. He won the first trick with the ♠A, and followed with the ace of trumps on which the Hog discarded a spade. The Greek frowned, but after a pause assumed a cunning look and led the ♠K, and then the ♠Q. The Rabbit, distrust as usual, threw a small club. Muttering some Delphic oath under his breath, the Greek played the ♠9, gently pushing the trick towards the Rabbit. The Rabbit took out the knave of hearts, but slowly replaced it, substituting the ♠7.

Opening lead ♠J. The Rabbit, whose thoughts had been wandering, asked to review the bidding. "Ladies," said the Hog, leading out the knave of spades. The Greek was much displeased with his partner's bidding, and made no secret of

Family Life

A little of what grandpa fancied down along the Old Kent Road

At the age of 12 I acquired what the Home Counties mothers of my youth coyly referred to as a bust. By the time I entered my teens it was of a size that embarrassed me, but led my maternal grandfather to pronounce that I was a "fine Edwardian figure of a girl" and to regret that I had not been born earlier.

I arrived two days before the official opening, when many of the exhibits had not been finally mounted or positioned, intending to zip round in half an hour. Two hours later I was still there and could happily have spent two more. For although the exhibition is small, it is magical. The task of mounting the exhibition was not easy because so much of the material relating to the halls has been lost - destroyed as buildings fell into disrepair, were put to alternative use or were razed. So although music hall was unquestionably one of the most popular forms of mass entertainment in British history only a metaphorical handful of memorabilia remains.

But for me the most riveting feature of the exhibition is the half-hour video film of clips showing Marie Lloyd (unfortunately silent), Will Fyfe, Ella Shields singing "Burlington Bertie from Bow", Gus Elen singing "It's a great big shame" and Robcy demonstrating the art of stage make-up and performing that famous soliloquy "This morning at luncheon I fancied a bird..." The magic that the great music hall personalities possessed can still be felt, even through black and white, wow and flutter. It makes one realize how much the great entertainers of today owe to their predecessors - masters of timing, stage presence and suggestion. The organizers, however, plan to put on a programme of stag-songs, competitions, shows and lectures later this year, or next and - great news for enthusiasts - Mandel and Mitchenson, from whose impressive theatre collection much of the material has been borrowed, are working to establish a museum themselves.

OUTINGS

HARVEST OF THE SEAS THANKS-GIVING SERVICE: St Mary-at-Hill, Lovat Lane, off Eastcheap, London EC3. Tomorrow, 11 am. Admission free. The annual fish harvest festival in Billingsgate's parish church, to which every year the fish merchants donate some of their finest specimens to the Church Army. The fish will be displayed in the vestibule of this fine Wren church before the service, to which all are welcome.

Archway Road. In recent years they have received backing from the GLC, and this weekend they celebrate the opening of the centre's new reception area by Ken Livingstone. Events include Cabaret Night tonight, and a Swing, Jump 'n' Jive Night tomorrow. There are children's events all day today.

CHILDREN'S SHOWS

PHILIP THEODORE: St George's Theatre, 48 Tufnell Park Road, London N7 (909 2427). Today 2.30 pm. For junior magic and illusion enthusiasts, a performance by the talented young magician Philip Theodore, who won the Magic Circle's Young Magician of the Year Competition.

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The message, say the authors Brian Coote and Phil Cooke of Noble Lowndes, is clear. The figures suggest strongly that a strategy of switching to an investment manager with a superior track record stands a much better chance of success, and will enable the pension fund trustees to recommend an increase in benefits to early leavers at no extra cost to The Company.

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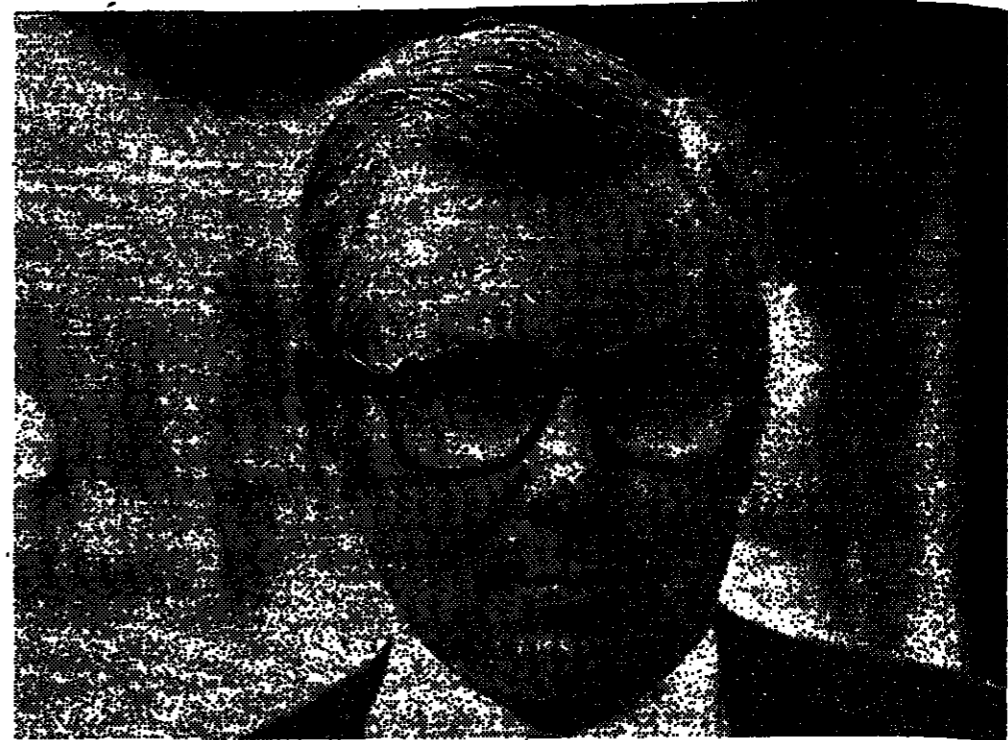
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### Building societies

## Goodbye to cartels, welcome to competition, says cartel



Thornton: I'll simply tell the others what Abbey is doing

If Clive Thornton has his way — and there is little doubt that he will — building society borrowers will be shopping around for mortgages in much the same way as they now compare prices on everything from hire purchase agreements to cablegrams.

While the Building Societies Association attempts to paper over the deep cracks in its pricing agreement, it is plain that Mr Thornton, chief executive of Abbey National Building Society, intends to have none of it.

He says: "We will not agree to recommendations of the kind that we have had in the past. It is advice we are talking about — not recommendation." What he means, is that the association can say what it thinks might be a suitable mortgage rate, but there is no requirement on any society — so far as Mr Thornton is concerned — to use this as anything more than a guideline.

The effect will be that societies which believe in differential mortgage rates will be offering a range of home loans, starting with concessionary rates at below the BSA "advised" rate for first-time buyers, rising to anything up to 2 or 2.5 per cent above the BSA rate for borrowers wanting large loans.

Mr Thornton has already taken the initiative by announcing a 1 per cent cut in rates — to 10.25 per cent — for new borrowers in declared Housing Action Areas. Abbey National has set aside £45m for this.

He explains: "As home ownership grows and grows — and now it is nearing 70 per cent in the South East — many

people have had their helping hand as first-time buyers".

A special Interest Rate Committee of the BSA meets on October 19 — it could not meet earlier because virtually the entire building society senior management is now at a conference in Melbourne, Australia.

The few left looking after the shop are saying that nothing dramatic happened when Mr Thornton dropped a bombshell by announcing his withdrawal from the interest rate agreement. "All it means is that Abbey National won't be giving 28 days' notice of interest rate changes" says a BSA spokesman. The effect of the old 28-day notice requirement was that a monthly BSA Council meeting would inevitably intervene before any changes could be implemented, and the recalculated society could generally be leaned on until it came into line.

Not any more. Mr Thornton is not prepared any longer to be dictated to. What is he prepared to agree to on the 19th?

His answer: "The cartel is an

arrangement to stifle competition. We want none of it. We are not prepared to enter any kind of undertaking of the kind we have just left."

What he foresees is a situation where there are no recommended investment rates but instead an "advised" mortgage rate and solvency margin. This would leave societies free to set their rates where they liked while maintaining the approved prudential "margin".

All of which is good news for building society members, who can then save with the society which offers the highest investment return, having obtained a mortgage from the society offering the cheapest loans — in theory at least.

But after this week's 0.5 per cent cut in base rates, some building society men have gone on record as saying that if it were not for Abbey putting up the return on its 7-day notice to 8.25 per cent, a cut in mortgage rates might have been considered.

Mr Thornton's retort to this

is: "This is a very dramatic change of heart on the part of those building society men who were in the majority in June. They said we must for once set the mortgage rate at a level which will enable us to satisfy the investor."

"I would expect a cut in the mortgage rate before Christmas. I think we are looking for a cut of up to 1 per cent before the end of the year."

But when the Building Societies Association Council meets on October 21 to discuss among other things, the mortgage rate, Abbey National will not be joining in the debate. "I will simply tell the council what Abbey is doing. From now on, I just simply say what is necessary for Abbey to do — and I won't have to persuade the 34 other people on the BSA Council," says Mr Thornton.

"It is advice we are now talking about. The reality is that anybody who doesn't want to play by the rules, listens to the advice, then makes up his own mind."

Lorna Bourke

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Unit trusts

Australian funds ride high

With several overseas stock markets, including those in New York and Tokyo, achieving new peaks last month, funds that are predominantly invested abroad remain at the head of this year's unit trust league table.

UNIT TRUST TOP TEN

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6. Fidelity Japan 163.0
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10. Tyndal Australian Sacs 157.2

The newcomer among the leaders is Tyndal Australian Securities. Funds invested down under have been doing remarkably well since the election of Mr Hawke's Labour Government in March.

However, what gave greater encouragement to investors was the omission of the widely expected resources tax on oil, gas and mining companies as well as the special tax on gold mining operations.

Another sector to perform badly last month was gold mines. The bullion price fell some \$10 an ounce in September and has continued its decline this month below the \$400 an ounce level.

Not surprisingly, after the dramatic fall in the Hongkong stock market and the slide in the local currency over recent weeks, Britannia Hong Kong Performance has slumped to the bottom of the 1983 performance table.

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## Unit trust performance

The table shows the value at October 1 of £100 invested on February 1, 1983, offer to offer price basis, net income reinvested. Statistics supplied by Financial Savings Magazine.

Table listing various unit trusts and their performance metrics, including names like FUND, GT European, Fidelity Japan, etc.

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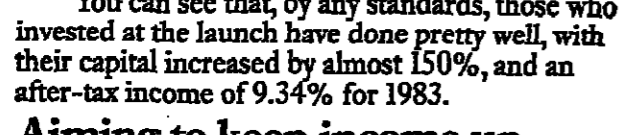
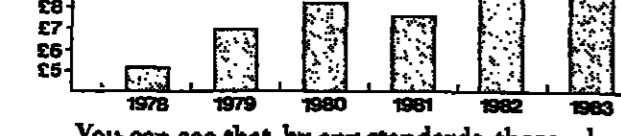
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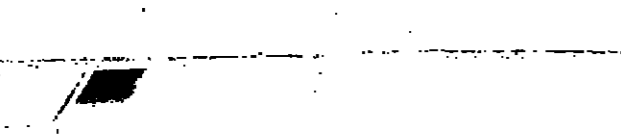
### Aiming to keep income up

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The Times/Money Programme Unit Trust Competition

Etonian leads on a Far Eastern flyer

Not one person picked the leading unit trust eight months ago when The Times/Money Programme Unit Trust Competition started. An investment of £100 in GT European on February 1 would now be worth £165.10.

The competition still has three months to run, however, and close behind in the league table is Fidelity Japan which was the first choice for many with an eye on the Far East.

Eton boy Charles Hawley made a theoretical £20 loss when he entered the competition last year and picks Far Eastern funds, but he decided that as they had been doing badly they might prove a wise investment this year and he plumped for Fidelity Japan.

Charles, who is 18 years old and taking Oxbridge entrance examinations, hopes to study chemistry at Oxford. "I'm interested in stocks and shares because I'm interested in the big outside world," he said. "When I was deciding which unit trusts to choose I decided that part of the competition strategy was to choose funds that were not too obvious."

Charles' father runs a tent and horse rug company in Stafford and takes an interest in the Stock Exchange but so far his son has not been trusted with the family investments. Charles' second choice Henderson North American is 30th and his third M & G Far Eastern and General 452nd.

Loyalty paid off for 25-year-old Jeffrey Digweed, who works for Fidelity, but his second and third choices are letting him down with Gartmore Australian Trust 446th and Chieftain Australian 496th.

Mr Digweed, from Tonbridge in Kent, has backed his hunch with £2,000 hard cash and is to invest more in Fidelity. "I think it is performing better than other Japanese funds because we have an excellent fund manager," said Mr Digweed.

The whole Digweed family entered the competition and at the beginning of the four sons, who work in banking, stock-

broking accountancy and the unit trust business, were all being beaten by their layman father. "Mine was performing worst of all at the start," said Jeffrey Digweed.

Miss Helen Taylor, a diplomat who lives in Fimliss, chose Fidelity ahead of other Japanese trusts because she was looking for a fund with a low unit price so that any increase would show up as a large percentage gain. Fidelity stood at around 30p when the competition began. Second choice Gartmore Japan, which stood at around 40p at the start, is now 29th.

Mrs Elizabeth Vessey, from Seledon, Croydon, who works for a firm of pension consultants, also chose Fidelity Japan after looking at the price carefully. "It had not done so well recently and was a bit low so I thought it might gain ground," she said.

Mrs Vessey was bitten by the competition bug when she turned a theoretical £1,000 into £5,000 in just six months as part of a training course. "I expect that if I started investing real money I would lose my touch," Mrs Vessey's second choice, Henderson Japan, is also doing well and is 21st.

Mr Stuart Goodman, of Finchley, had Fidelity Japan as his first choice but diversified into Brown Shipley Technology (57) as his second choice and Britannia UK Blue Chip (428). "I wanted a Japanese fund as my number one," said Mr Goodman, who works for the export credit guarantee department.

Our panel of four experts did not manage to pick one of the units in the current top ten and one even went for the fund at the bottom, Britannia Hong Kong Performance, as his first choice.

Mr Peter Edwards, of Premier Unit Trust Brokers, picked the best performer, Henderson Japan Special Situations, which is standing at number 15. "We are feeling pretty pleased with ourselves. Something we set out on paper in January is coming true," he said.



Charles Hawley: competition star (Picture: John Vees)

What Premier said at the beginning of the year was that towards the end of it the dollar would get "toppy" and that would boost the yen. Right on cue the yen started moving up at the end of September and on hopes of interest rate cuts the Tokyo stock market is now enjoying record highs.

Mr Edwards is also keen to back a new fund from a reputable house and Henderson Japan Special Situations was launched the week before the competition started.

At the start of the year Mr Edwards was recommending an even split between Henderson Japan, M & G American Recovery (42) and Stewart British Capital (194). "We are now more enthusiastic for Japan because of the threat of the dollar weakening and the yen firming up," he said. "I don't think the UK fund will go well. If we had had the courage to go on paper in January is coming true," he said.

He has chosen an Australian fund. Top of the experts for overall choice was Mr Jamie Berry, of Berry Asset Management. He picked GT Far East and General (56), Britannia World Technology (58) and Target Commodity (74).

He chose a general Far Eastern fund because of his faith in the smaller markets such as Singapore, Malaysia and Australia to out-perform Japan. But the fortunes of Hongkong have hit all the Far East funds. "GT has recently reduced its exposure to Hongkong but earlier this year Hongkong hit this fund badly," he said.

"Technology shares have taken a bit of a pounding recently especially in the US after the failure of Osborne Computers. An investment in technology is always going to be a bit of a roller coaster ride. "And on the commodities, it is a bit like our selection of the smaller markets in the Far East

- we might have been a bit early. We are not worried by our selection but if we had to pick now we would go for a pure Japanese fund."

Mr Mark Searle, of Richards Longstaff, is disappointed that his first choice, Hill Samuel Far East (113), sold out of Australia before the election and has not reinvested. "Such diversification as they have had has been into Hongkong. I think it is very very hard to judge Hongkong. I suppose the market could fall further but it's not a time to abandon it."

The American fund of GT US and General (201), his second choice, is going through a dull patch. "But I'm reasonably optimistic about Wall Street at the moment," said Mr Searle. Top of his three funds is third choice Henderson Japan which at number 21 has increased in value by over 40 per cent.

The worst performing unit trust Britannia Hong Kong Performance, which is now worth only 72.3 per cent of its February 1 value was Mr Kean Seager's first choice. Mr Seager of Whitechurch Securities, also fared badly with his second choice S & P South East Asia (506) which is only just holding its original value. By comparison his third choice, M & G Australian (60), is not performing too badly at 129.6 per cent of its value at the start of the competition.

Hongkong is a very volatile market - high rewards big losses

"Hongkong is a very volatile market and one obviously puts only a very small part of a portfolio into this area. But look at December last year when the market went from 670 to over 1,000 in just seven weeks. Sometimes you get high rewards, and sometimes big losses," says Mr Seager.

What of the future for Hongkong? "I believe Hongkong will remain extremely useful to the Chinese as a gateway to the Western world which China needs to earn foreign currency."

Vivien Goldsmith

New business Preaching caution and courage

Less than a year after starting his own business which is all about starting new businesses, Dr Richard Hargreaves has launched a book called Starting a Business.

He wrote it, however, two years ago, mostly on a Greek beach, and before he had shown that he could practise what he preached.

He was working for the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation. But after 10 years under the wing of a large organization he decided to break out and start his own corporate planning and financial advice service. Baroness specializes in offering a comprehensive service to the green would-be entrepreneur.

In its less-than-a-year's life, the firm has raised £4m for seven schemes - all but one a business start-up. By the end of the year Dr Hargreaves estimates that about £6m will have been raised for up to 12 clients.

With this experience, would he now write the book differently? "Basically the book would remain the same but there are two things I have not emphasized enough. One is the importance of careful planning. "And the other is that the economic, political and social climate is more favourable to new businesses now than it has been for many years."

The book is intended for the man and woman who is aiming high. It tries to encourage the over-cautious and counsel the over-zealous.

Dr Hargreaves has many cautionary tales. But he also beams the lack of courage of some people with excellent ideas for a new business who cannot make the break.

Dr Hargreaves says that going to see the bank manager about finance might be a disappointing experience. According to the book, "managers in small branches are often not sufficiently experienced to assess such propositions". The problem is they won't admit it.

The book provides a map of City finance and is published by Heinemann, at £9.95p, in association with Newmarket (Venture Capital), which is backing Baroness.

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Unit Trust Prices - change on the week. A large table listing various unit trusts, their prices, and weekly changes. Columns include Unit Name, Price, and Change. The table is organized into several sections, including 'Unit Trust Prices - change on the week' and 'Investment Funds and Funds'.

MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Warmth ahead for Coalite

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investors unwilling to take on new positions. But London Brick enjoyed renewed speculative support closing 7p higher at a new high

There seems to be a difference of opinion between the institutions over Tesco, the superstores group. One institution has sold around 6 million shares this week (2 per cent of the company) and they have been eagerly snapped up by one leading unit trust manager.

Hoare estimates that unless there is an exceptionally mild winter, its forecast of 29.5m for the present year should be on the conservative side. Last year, the group made £25.5m.

Elsewhere, a strong overnight performance on Wall Street failed to shake London investors out of their lethargy. The FT index, which opened the day 2.3 higher, eventually closed 1.6 down at 709.8 with

of 102.5p, after 104p. Word is that Hanson Trust, with just under 5 per cent of the shares, is about to launch a bid of 120p a share following a put through of a further 5 per cent (7 million shares) arranged by broker Grieverson Grant this week.

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investors' letter-boxes shorby and trading in shares of the seven newly created telecomm companies will start next month.

Mr Robert Holmes A'Court's Bell Group has stepped up the pressure on Fleet Holdings, owner of the Daily Express, Sunday Express and Daily Star. Yesterday, he announced he has bought a further tranche of shares, taking his entire stake to 5.5 per cent of the total. Shares of Fleet hardened 1p to 131p for a two-day gain of 7p.

Mr Alfred Taubman now owns more than 50 per cent of the shares in fine art dealer Sotheby Parke Bernet following his 700p a share bid this year. As a result the offer now goes unconditional and remains open until further notice.

The continuing squabble over Hongkong's future when the lease runs out in 1997 continues to have an adverse effect on companies with big interests there. BSR which has already said its financial commitments are minimal again started to feel the jitters, sliding 6p to 140p.

while Flessey fell 1p to 223p and GEC 5p to 187p. The big US group American Telephone & Telegraph is poised to announce details of its proposed demerger of eight subsidiaries. A 300-page document will be dropping through

Shares of Bio-Mechanics, the industrial effluent group, closed unchanged at 83p yesterday. Word in the market suggests the firm is about to apply for an over-the-counter quote in New York in the hope of attracting some much needed American money. The shares joined the USM this year at 33p.

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Table of Wall Street market data including stock prices for various companies like AMR, Allied Chem, and Amstar.

Table of Commodities market data including prices for metals like copper and silver, and various grains.

RUGBY UNION: FITNESS TEST FOR ENGLAND MEN THIS WEEKEND

Selectors' spirits may be dampened at Bath

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
The bulk of England's selectors will gather at Bath today to watch Somerset play Lancashire on the opening day of the county championship...

likeable touring side, they are unlikely to acquire new ball-winning skills in the space of a fortnight and England discovered last season that scoring 60 points against the Fijians was not necessarily the route to a successful championship season.

The Canadians themselves play their third tour match, against Oxford University, and the experienced prop, Dukelow, will play his first game, making light of a gashed knee sustained in training.

Gilson brothers, Howard and David, in the front row. The game between Japan and a Welsh XV on October 22 will be refereed by Tony Trigg, of England, who sent off Steve Jones during Pontypool's midweek game with Gloucester and opened the way for the return of Watkins, the Newport hooker, to the current Welsh squad.

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens pair must serve their suspensions

By Keith Macklin
The appeals committee of the Rugby League yesterday firmly backed the strong stance of the disciplinary committee over foul play. Three players appealed against heavy sentences recently imposed by the disciplinary committee, and in each case the suspensions were confirmed.

HOCKEY

Neston are aiming for six in a row

By Sydney Friskin
Neston, the national club champions, who have won the Cheshire Cup for the past five years, must have a good chance of their sixth success when the semi-final round is played tomorrow. Neston, who are away to Chester, seem likely to survive in the other half of the draw Brooklands look much too strong for Alderley Edge.

Crowned heads of workers' kingdom clip-clop back from exile

The Year of the Shire Horse Show



Pride and Prejudice: plaited, plumed and passive, a perfect matching pair. (Photograph: Chris Cole).

This is a pretty good time to be reincarnated as a heavy horse. The great soppy-natured, hairy-pawed behemoths of the show jumping world withdrew and the ripples-nuzzled, matched pairs of Shires plumed across the ground, finally leaving the arena decorated with a dense and complex geometric pattern, like a garden in a Zen temple, after they have weaved and crisscrossed about the arena in their solid, stolid quadrille.

The pampered, beautiful beasts who had won their Wembley tickets pulled at their hay nets in their stables behind the arena, far from the days of unsupervised wild antics, their acolytes plaited their tails and washed their feathers - the plumes of hair about their feet.

"They move 100 tons of beer a week and you couldn't imagine a better advertisement, could you?" said Don Keir, Whitbread's sponsorship manager. Indeed, brewers had a lot to do with keeping the Shire breed going once the conquest by mechanization of farm and street was complete. Then came export orders from across the Atlantic and a gradual, but huge, revival of interest in the gentle-mannered one-ton plodders and a consequent population explosion.

Sandy Wilson, who speaks in the staccato tones of South London, has always had a thing about heavy horses, being a Wandsworth girl. Young's brewery is just around the corner from her. Now she works there as a stablehand, looking after Hercules, Brigadier and 19 others. "I've always liked horses," she said. "But heavy horses are just great, marvellous animals." Hercules and Brigadier, manes full of ribbons and mouths full of hay, did not dispute this.

SQUASH RACKETS

Match point controversy

Auckland (Reuter)-The unseeded Paul Viggers, of New Zealand, eliminated the No 12 seed, Ahmed Safwat, of Egypt, after a controversial match in the third round of the world men's championship here yesterday. Viggers won 9-6, 9-5, 3-9, 9-6, but Safwat later claimed that the match point should have been a let, because he could not make a free shot after the pair had made contact.

The Butter Cup

After the Milk Cup, comes the Butter Cup. The Butter Information Council is sponsoring the new event, in association with the All England Netball Association. More than 270 clubs in England are participating in the tournament, which starts today.

RESTMOR GROUP advertisement featuring Restmor Marmet Royale, with results in brief for 1983 and 1982, including turnover and profit figures.

TABLE TENNIS

Top two pair up for England

England's top two players, Carl Preen and Desmond Douglas, team up for their country in next Wednesday's European League match against Sweden, at Sunderland.

FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND OTHER WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table of weekend fixtures for Football, Rugby Union, and other sports, including league names and match details.

TOMORROW

Table of fixtures for tomorrow, including Football, Rugby League, and other sports.

Advertisement for R.J. Temple & Company, featuring a 10% p.a. guaranteed income plan and a net of basic rate tax.



RACING: BRITISH VICTORY ANTICIPATED IN IRISH ST LAGER

Petorius can confirm sprint potential

Petorius can show himself to be the fastest two-year-old in training over five furlongs by winning the Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot this afternoon. As far as next season's classics are concerned we shall know more after next week's Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket. But a decisive victory for Petorius would see Michael Stoute's mummy's pet confirm his position as a potential sprint champion.

Clement is only just preferred to Neville Crump's easy Cardiac. Straight Down but that bold front runner Marnik is a confident selection on his first appearance of the season. Anne's historic stands are to be demolished after the running of the 1984 Grand National. Speaking at Ascot yesterday, Ivan Straker, the chief executive of Seagram (Europe), the new sponsors of the world's greatest steeplechase, said: "The old stands will be given a lick of paint and generally smartened up for next year's race. After that they will be pulled down. In future we will probably have temporary stands erected, just like they are for the open golf championship."

Band should strike a winning note

The Irish Racing authorities have favoured to the argument of those favouring opening up the last of the season's classics, the Irish St Leger, to older horses and this even, first run in 1916, takes on its new guise at the Curragh this afternoon.

At weight for age, however, they may have to give best to two other English runners, the three-year-old Band and Yawa. Band, a stable companion of the Domester St Leger winner Sun Princess, has made up into a highly consistent performer, winning five of his last six races.

New coach asked to restore harmony

Penny Chuter has again been appointed as the coaching coordinator for the men's Olympic team, following the resignation of Bobbi McKeck. Miss Chuter's title is squad coordinator, and her brief, as the works towards the 1984 Olympic regatta in Los Angeles, is to find potential Olympic candidates, to deal with preparation, training and to allocate coaches to specific tasks.

Oratavo: on the mark in Ascot's Bustine Handicap

Ascot yesterday some sizeable wagers were struck about Gay Kelleway becoming the first of her sex to achieve this feat on Donegal Prince in the Cesarewitch. Her father's 1982 Cesarewitch Gold Trophy winner was backed from 25-1 to 20-1 for the second leg of the autumn double after finishing fourth to Camacho in the Wyndham Stakes.

Boutin to hold the upper hand

The Francois Boutin-trained pair, Mendez and Seattle Sky, look susceptible to the weather in the Grand Critérium at Longchamp, particularly as the pair will be coupled for the win on the Post-Mutuel. Both the English colt Lucky Spot (Joe Mercer) and the Irish visitor Excelsior (D. O'Brien) are also in the race.

Ascot

Draw no advantage.
Totals: Double 3.0, 4.10, Treble: 2.30, 3.35, 4.40.
[Television (BBC2) 2.30, 2.50 and 3.0 races]
2.0 HYPERION STAKES (2-y-c £2,826; 7f) (11 runners)

Worcester

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1.11 Eusebio City 11-2 M. Wayne
2.00 Flat Winder 11-2 R. Atkin

York

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[Television (ITV) 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]
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[Television (ITV) 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]
1.45 PHILIP CORNERS HURDLE (novices; 21,685; 2m) (8 runners)

Ascot selections

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ITV/LONDON 5.10 News from Ascot...

BBC 2 10.50 International Golf...

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Sian Patten as the young Jane in part one of a serial version of Jane Eyre (BBC 1, 8.05pm)



The National Theatre Company in the documentary The Crests at Epidaurus (Channel 4, 8.00pm)

